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## Council considers sale of city hall

► City of Grayling approves plan to have city hall property appraised

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

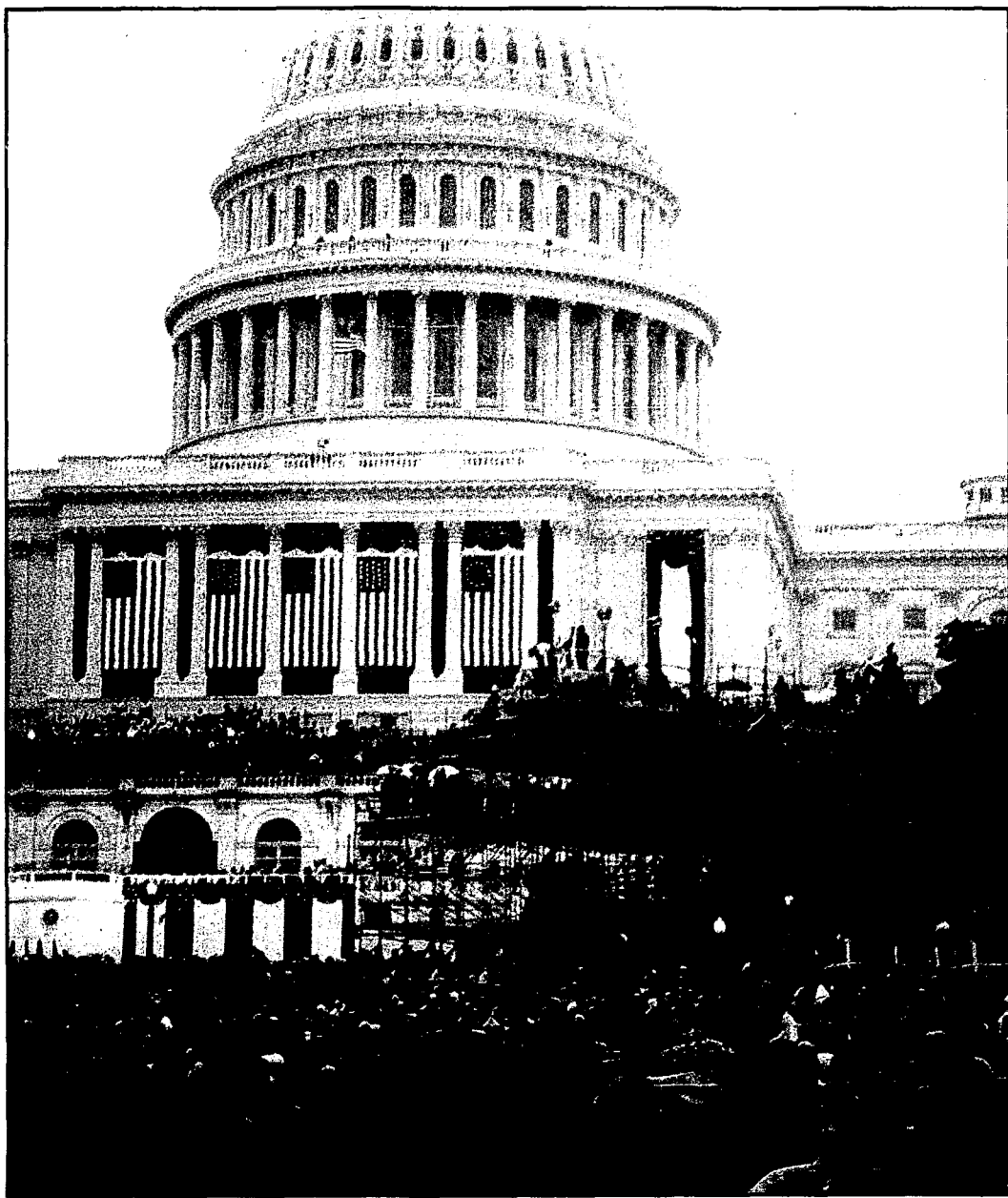
The City of Grayling is currently considering the prospect of selling the old city hall building and property in order to free the city from planning gridlock with regard to a new city hall.

The city's offices were moved to a temporary location (on M-72 West) last year after the city vacated its building on James Street at the request of the State Police Department. The SPD has leased space in the city hall building for several years, and required more room for the growing forensics lab.

While on the way out of city hall, the city arranged for a renovation project to be completed, also at the SPD's request. The cost of the project, about \$125,000, is scheduled to be repaid in the SPD's monthly lease payments over the course of the lease's 10-year life.

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## INAUGURATION DAY



Photos courtesy of The Moore Family

(Left) A view of the Capitol Building dressed up for President George W. Bush's Inauguration on January 20 as seen through the eyes of lucky Grayling spectators Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore and her son, Sam. (Above) Moore said she really enjoyed the Inaugural Dinner Dance at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, where she found this display announcing women's right to vote. For more, see Page 14A.

## Friday: a day of charity

Two charitable events take place in Crawford County on Friday, February 9.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Crawford County Habitat for Humanity holds its Third Annual Cookie Walk at Buccilli's Pizza in Grayling.

A huge variety of homemade cookies will be sold by the pound with all proceeds going to purchase building supplies for safe and affordable housing for future Habitat families.

From 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the Frederic Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will host its 2nd Annual Empty Bowls Benefit at the school, 6470 Manistee in Frederic.

Help the PTO fill the "empty bowls" in the county. For \$5 (over age 12) or \$3 (ages 6-12), buy a ceramic bowl designed and hand-crafted by a Frederic student, then enjoy a Soup Supper. Choose from chili, soup, stew, hot dogs, chili dogs and a variety of desserts. Kids under five eat free, (adult must purchase bowl if desired). Everyone is welcome.

All proceeds from the Empty Bowls Benefit go to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.

## SHELTER MEMBERS TABLE SPECIAL MEETING WHEN BOARD MEMBERS DON'T SHOW

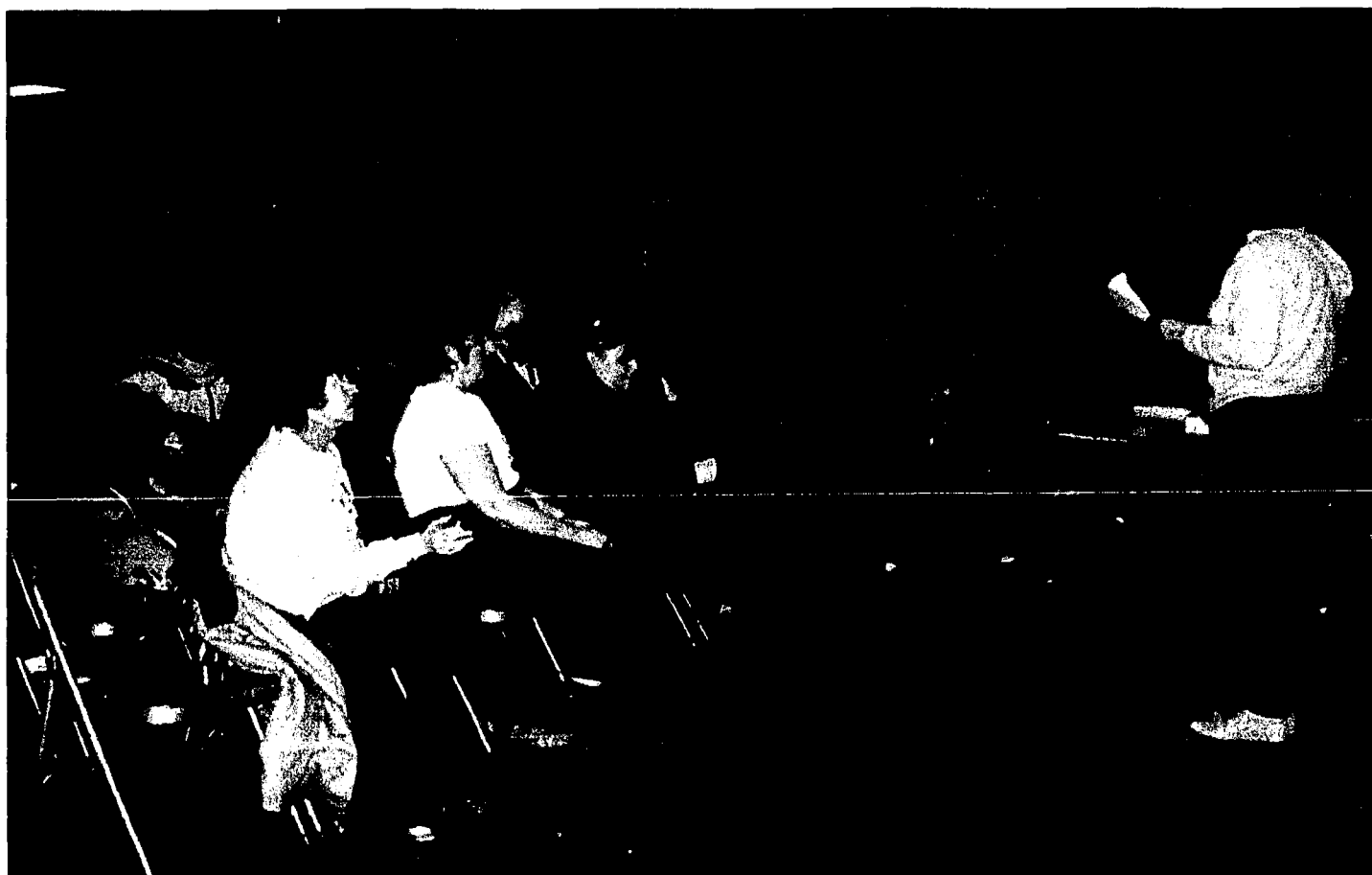


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

More than 60 people showed up for what was requested to be a special meeting with the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. board of directors. Under the direction of member spokesperson, Laura Purtil (standing), the special meeting was tabled, but the group continued with an informational session to help newcomers learn of what has happened so far regarding the shelter board and problems with the membership rolls. See Page 2A for story.

## First Lady invited to library grand opening in 2002

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

While visiting Washington, D.C. for President George W. Bush's inauguration, Crawford County Clerk Sandy Moore delivered a very special invitation to a very special lady... First Lady, Laura Bush.

As a favor to the Crawford County Library Board and the citizens of the county, Moore said she was honored to deliver an invitation to the correspondence office in Washington, inviting the First Lady to the Grand Opening of the soon to be constructed Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on May 15, 2002.

Moore said she was told by correspondence office staff she would get a response to the invitation shortly.

The letter of invitation, signed by Library Board President Barbara Clark Greene, states, "Your presence will greatly enhance this community's commitment to reading and literacy and would inspire all of our residents to take great pride in

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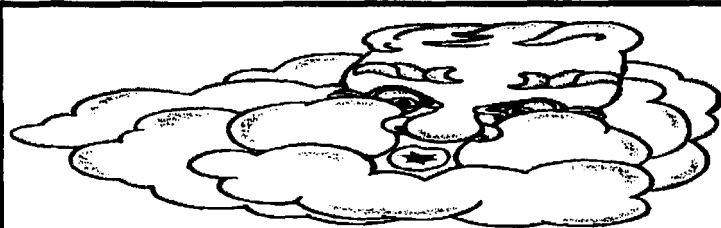
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## Inspector gives animal shelter improvements thumbs up

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Dr. David R. Forbush, DVM, of Frederic paid a visit to the Animal Shelter on January 26, after some confusion arose regarding the welfare of a sick dog housed there. Dr. Forbush serves as an inspector with the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Animal Industry Division, assigned with the task of periodically inspecting dog pounds, animal shelters and kennels in northern Michigan.

According to the inspection report he filed, Dr. Forbush found 33 dogs and 12 cats in the care of the shelter board, its employee(s) and volunteers.

Pertaining to the category "Records Kept Properly," Dr. Forbush made a notation stating, "old records taken by former director; new ones excellent." According to former director Dixie Lobsinger, on January 6 records were left with

the shelter board regarding all animals that were housed at the shelter at that time. Information was given to Marge Mathew that day before Dixie was forced to leave. "Without all the records, this left those running the shelter with very little to go on," said Dr. Forbush.

The veterinarian found the facility to be structurally adequate, but commented, "Overall, building undersized and needing major repairs or replacement; ok for now." He found the shelter to be overcrowded and there were no actual perches for the cats, but indicated the animals have adequate space. Dr. Forbush indicated the outdoor facility fencing was unsatisfactory but, overall, the shelter was given a satisfactory report. Dr. Forbush noted much improvement with the overall appearance, cleanliness and lack of clutter at the shelter and gave "satisfactory" ratings to items regarding the care and feeding of

the animals.

In his comments he wrote: "Fresh paint and cleaning -- looking much better. Need to separate cats from dog ward. Need a better plan for dogs and cats with infectious diseases." Underlined, he further wrote, "These animals should not be mixed with healthy ones." He noted that, in lieu of an isolation unit, humane euthanasia should be a consideration.

Dr. Forbush found the washroom to be "improved," but found a shield was missing from a fluorescent light and the storage building is not vermin proof to keep out rodents.

Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. acting board president Ward Parker commented, "We are pleased with the satisfactory report and we plan on cooperating with the state inspector."

The last inspection of the shelter occurred on November 6, 2000 and found 44 dogs, 20 kittens and nine

cats on hand. On that overall satisfactory inspection report, Dr. Forbush wrote, "Building and rest of facility very poor shape -- makes cleaning difficult -- no improvements noticed. Animals are well-cared for and healthy. Surprising considering the condition of the facility. Some of kennel fencing need replacing. Washroom not up to standards." Dr. Forbush found shelter records to be kept properly at that time.

On July 28, 2000 an inspection showed 49 animals at the shelter and Dr. Forbush commented, "Run-down old facility needs major overhaul or replacement. Inadequate in size and impossible to properly clean and disinfect. Animals healthy and well cared for. A very difficult job with this facility."

Inspections are performed once every month or so, Dr. Forbush said, but he gives no forewarning.

## Members table special meeting when board members don't show

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A special meeting called by members of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. (ASCC) was tabled on February 2 when it was found no members of the current board of directors was present. The members' group has dubbed itself "Dixie's Underdogs."

More than 70 letters of requests for a special meeting were made to the board via acting president Ward Parker. According to a letter drafted by ASCC attorney Monte Burmeister, a special meeting can-

not be granted without an accounting of the membership. "It is my belief that no such meeting can legitimately occur until the accountings are complete," wrote Burmeister in response to a request made by member Sharon Priebe. He also asked for some of those who filled out membership forms to show proof of a donation of time, resources or money to the shelter and to be more specific.

"We want to do everything by the rules," commented Laura Purtill, who read the letter in its entirety to those present and presided over last Friday's meeting. She asked for a motion to be made by one of more than 60 people present to table the meeting until the membership rolls can be determined. The motion was made and supported. The meeting was tabled and a request was made to continue on in the form of an informational meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the time line of events leading up to the ousting of and lawsuit against former animal shelter director, Dixie Lobsinger. Some audience members were not present at the January 11 meeting when the lawsuit was served and members began to organize.

One member asked if "county" money was being used to pay the shelter board for taking care of animals. With District #3 Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman present, Purtill directed the question to her. Pinkelman confirmed that the county had contracted for six

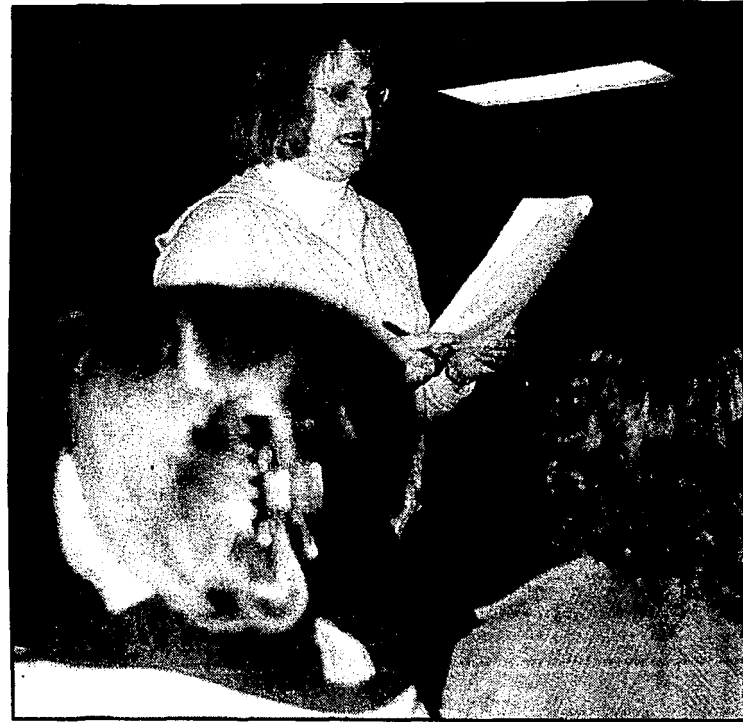


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Laura Purtill reads a letter to shelter members written by the ASCC's attorney Monte Burmeister responding to Sharon Priebe's request to be added to the membership rolls of the ASCC and for a special meeting.

months in the amount of \$6,000 to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. The member then asked, "Well, wouldn't that make every person who pays county taxes a 'member'?" Pinkelman's response was, "Technically, yes."

The informational meeting lasted about an hour and more people filled out forms to declare their

membership. Approximately 150 forms have been collected to this date while the lawsuit, which contains a request for a special meeting to determine membership, awaits its day in 46th Circuit Trial Court. The Honorable Judge Dennis F. Murphy has been assigned the case.

## Dixie's attorney asks all counts be dismissed

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

On behalf of his client, former shelter director Dixie Lobsinger, Attorney H. Keith DuBois filed an answer to the complaint made by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. through its attorney, Monte J. Burmeister.

The suit makes 80 allegations against Lobsinger under four separate counts: Count I - Nuisance, Count II - Trespass, Count III - Demand for Accounting, and Count IV - Request for Authority to Hold Special Meeting. DuBois has requested all counts be dismissed and attorney fees and costs be awarded to Lobsinger.

No motions, briefs or court action has taken place in the suit as of press time.

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# GHS, EMU bands to perform in Grayling

## ► Cultural Events series to present university, high school groups

As part of the Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program's "Learning Through Music Series," bands from Grayling High School and Eastern Michigan University will take the stage on Thursday, February 15, at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium, located in Grayling High School.

Every year, the Cultural Events Program features a performance that includes a Grayling band and a college band. Several different universities and types of ensembles have been featured over the years.

This year, a group from Eastern Michigan University will join the

GHS band for the annual performance. EMU's Department of Music, a leader in the field of music education, serves over 300 students in areas such as performance, music therapy, and music education. The EMU band to perform, the University Wind Symphony, is a select group led by conductor Max Plank, Director of Bands at EMU. EMU's Wind Symphony has toured extensively in Michigan, appears on four commercial recordings, and has performed at several regional music conferences.

At the concert in Grayling on February 15, the Wind Symphony will play "Introductions, Theme and Variations" by Giacchino Rossini, "Sketches on a Tudor Psalm" by Fisher Tull, "Psalms for a Great Country" by Anthony Iannaccone, and "Armenian Dances" by Alfred Reed.

The Grayling High School Band, led by GHS Band Director Dennis Ormsbee, will perform three numbers in preparation for upcoming band festival events: "Royal Air Force March Past" by Henry Walford Davies and George Dyson (adapted by Harold R. Gore), "Suite" by Hector Villa-Lobos (transcribed by Jerry Bilk), and "An Irish Rhapsody" by Clare Grundman.

(Grayling High School will perform at Band Festival at Elk Rapids on February 24. The event is free to the public.)

The concert featuring a college band and Grayling High School's band gives parents of the high schoolers a chance to check out other musical groups, and gives Cultural Events patrons not familiar with Grayling High School's band an opportunity to check out local

talent, said Cultural Events Coordinator R.J. Hannan. It also gives the Grayling band a chance to perform Band Festival pieces in front of an audience before the festival, he said, and it gives GHS students an opportunity to meet leaders of university bands.

This year's GHS/EMU band concert will take place on Thursday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Tickets are \$6/individual, or \$5 for a student or senior. Tickets can be ordered in advance by calling (517) 344-3535.

The GHS/EMU performance is the fourth of six events scheduled for this season's Cultural Events "Learning Through Music Series." The series is sponsored by several area businesses and corporations and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

## Horse clinic planned for state mandated testing

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Because the State of Michigan has passed a new law mandating every horse and other related species be tested for Equine Infectious Anemia, a low cost clinic has been scheduled to help local horse owners abide.

According to the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) is a viral disease that causes anemia, intermittent fever, profuse sweating,

rapid breathing and severe weight loss in horses, ponies mules and donkeys.

The disease can be transmitted through the exchange of body fluids from an infected animal to an uninfected animal, through biting flies and in rare cases through hoof knives, tattoo needles, syringes and blood transfusions.

As of the first of the year, Michigan horse owners must have an official EIA (Coggins) test with negative results within the calendar

year or 30 days prior to moving, selling or competitive showing. It includes animals ridden for pleasure or taken onto public roads.

Once an animal is infected with EIA it is infected for life and decreases depletes the animal's immune system.

The disease does not effect humans or other animals outside the horse family. More than 120 animals have died from EIA in the last 10 years and trends show the disease has migrated as far north as

Clare.

The Low Cost Horse Clinic will be held Saturday, February 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Hawk Hill Farm on Beaver Road in Beaver Creek Township.

Cost is \$15 per test. The clinic may extend to Sunday, February 25 depending on response.

For more information and appointments, call Dixie or Missy at (517) 348-9178 or Pam at (517) 275-8134.

## Volunteers needed for crime victims program

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hospital with serious injuries. You have many questions but the police and ambulance crew are too busy to address your concerns.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office and the Prosecutor's Victims Rights Coordinator are in the process of establishing a Volunteer Victim Services Unit that would provide Advocates to act as a liaison

between the family and police. Their help is meant to be on a short-term basis only. The unit is looking for volunteers who are compassionate, non-judgmental and who will keep information confidential and be totally dedicated to victim's services. Applicants must be at least 21 years old, have a valid driver's license and pass a background

check. Their families must also understand that when they are paged they'll have to answer the call.

A 20-hour training program is required and will be offered the last weekend in March. Anyone interested may contact Victim/Witness Coordinator, Sharon Huss, at (517) 344-3248.

## Council considers sale of city hall

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The SPD, however, can exit the lease at any time before the 10 years expires. The Grayling City Council learned of a State Police five-year plan for facilities late last year that shows the department plans to move the crime lab out of Grayling and into a new facility to be built in Gaylord. Several State Police functions already located in

different buildings in Gaylord would also be consolidated into the new structure, according to the five-year plan.

The uncertainty created by the State Police's possible move prior to the 10-year lease's expiration forced the city council to halt plans for construction of a new city hall, and the city has been weighing its options with regard to the city hall lease ever since.

City Manager Allen Lowe said he has had a few people inquire about

the possibility of purchasing the city hall building, and suggested the city arrange for an appraisal to be done on the property to see what it could be worth on the market.

Last Monday, the city council voted 5-0 in favor of having the property appraised.

Council members have said that if the property is sold, the city plans to keep the area by the AuSable River in order to keep it available for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

## Project Graduation annual rummage sale in the works

The Project Graduation Annual Rummage Sale will be held February 17 and 18 at the American Legion Hall in Grayling to benefit Project Graduation. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The committee is seeking clean, usable, saleable donations. No clothing please. To make a donation to the sale or to arrange for bottle/can pick up, call Sue McNally at 348-2324 or Charlotte Fairbotham at 348-1145. Items may be dropped off at the Legion on Friday, February 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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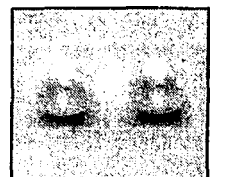
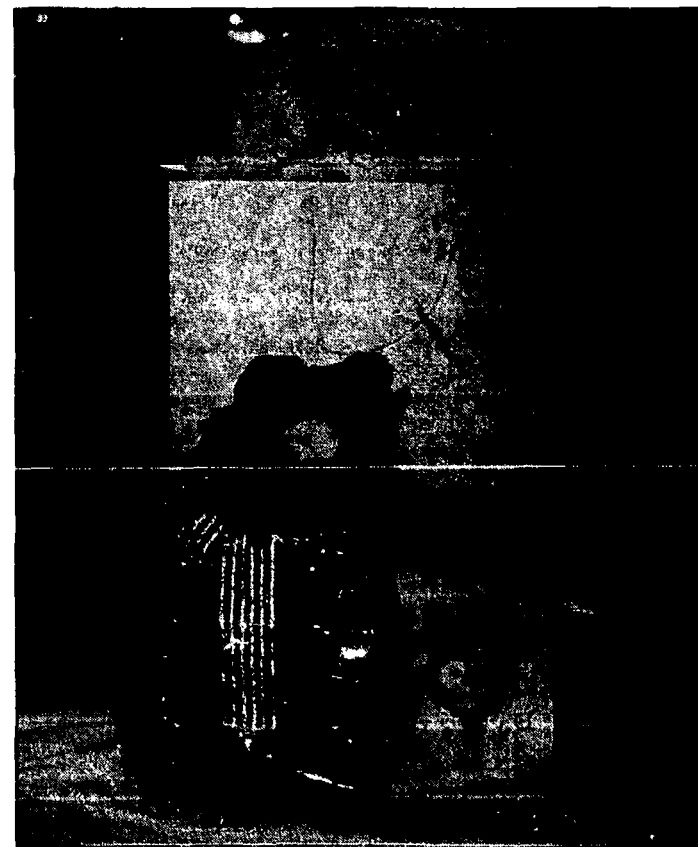
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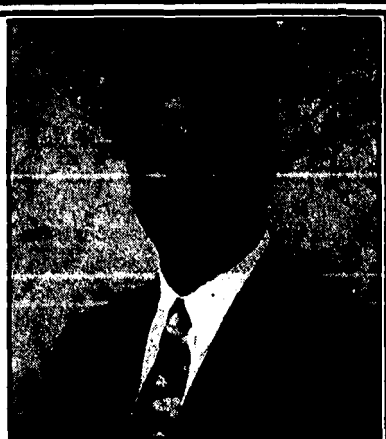
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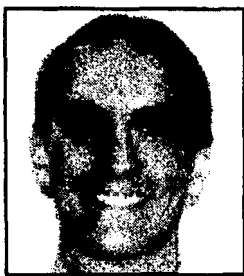
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by Dirk Milliman

# Recession? Just say no

What if they had a recession and nobody came?

What if we decided as a country, or a state or a community, that we wanted no part in the predicted downturn that all the naysayers assure us is coming? What if we politely declined to participate?

It could be possible that the booming economic times we all have been enjoying for the past 15 or so years may be coming to an end.

The sayers who supposedly know about such things are trying to place a name on their predicted slowdown. They are calling it things like a "hiccup" or a "minor correction." What does that really mean?

No one knows for sure. None of them can predict the future.

What we do know for sure is this: The more people start talking about the "bad" economy, the more people tend to believe that it really is bad, or about to get that way. They buy into the fear. They change their own actions based on their beliefs in what the "experts" are telling them.

If you are a business owner, you may not advertise as much, watching your expenses. You may not fill a vacant position, based on the "experts" prediction of a slowdown in the future.

As a shopper, you may begin to limit your purchases of products or services that are deemed discretionary. You will still feed your family, but Wednesday may become macaroni and cheese night instead of steak night.

If you are an investor, you may cut one or two stock market buys that you had planned, as the experts are telling you the market will go down. You may wait, to see if you can buy lower.

But as you make these small changes, these self-corrections in your own behaviors, what are you really doing?

You are in fact creating a recession all by yourself. Sure, your part is a small one. But multiply that by your neighbors, your business associates, those in your stock club. Then multiply that by your county. Then by our state. Then across our entire nation.

We have, in effect, created a recession. Just by talking about it. Just by thinking about it.

We have scared ourselves into it.

Let's put a different spin on our economy. True, by definition our economy is calculated as a factual set of numbers, something that can be measured. In that way, it becomes tangible and measurable year after year. It can be compared. Some experts believe that it can also be predicted.

Our economy can be numeric. And we all know the old saying about numbers, and how numbers can be used.

But I think that there is another side to our economy here in this great land. I believe we also have an economy of "feel."

How do we feel about our country? Our own community? Our job security? Our business? Our fami-

ly situation? How do we feel about ourselves? Our prospects? Our future?

Are we facing our future with apprehension? Do we have the "thank God it's Friday" attitude that will carry over to our last day when we can finally say "thank god it's over?"

Or are we facing the future with anticipation? We can't wait to get up, can't wait to get at our challenges of the day, can't wait to see what unfolds before us.

If we feel good about ourselves, our prospects, our situation and our future, we act differently than when we are afraid.

I say we face our future with anticipation, not with fear of the unknown. Because in fact, we don't

know what is coming.

Let's decide right now to not participate in the "downturn" that those so-called experts say will affect you. Say no thank you to those naysayers who want you to believe that all the future holds is doom and gloom.

You can keep things moving in your community through your actions. Be wise, not afraid.

Maybe we'll try a recession some other time. Right, now, we're going to pass.

Just say no.

*Dirk Milliman is President of Milliman Communications. He is filling in for his father who has the month off.*

# EDITOR

## Talk show did not appear to favor medical use of fetal tissue

To the editor,

In response to the letter written by Mr. James Allman, published February 1 in the *Avalanche*:

I was watching the episode of "This Week" that you quoted in your previous letter to the editor. While my memory is not good enough to quote Cokie Roberts, I do remember the show and the statement. She said (paraphrasing) "why is it wrong to use aborted fetal tissue for medical advancement, while it is o.k. to use the transplanted heart of a murder victim." It is my feeling that Cokie was only trying to point out an inconsistency.

We are all largely in favor of using organs for transplanting, regardless of whether it comes from a murder victim, or an organ donation. Why should it be any different for fetal tissue? The conservative right in America is against all fetal tissue experimentation as though all fetal tissue came down as a result of abortion. But as a parent who's gone through his share of fertility ups and downs, I know that fetal tissue can be made available by many means other than the murderous abortion that you speak.

Many women, in the early stages of pregnancy, have miscarriages. Often these women will need their doctor to remove the fetal tissue to prevent infection. Many other

women, under the close medical scrutiny of their doctors during pregnancy, find that they need some sort of surgery (i.e. the removal of ovarian cysts to avoid rupture -- causing serious health and reproductive concerns). Unfortunately, and far less common, some women do die during pregnancy while carrying an unviable fetus. Having made these realizations, I am convinced that even without Roe vs. Wade, fetal tissue would still be available without being in violation of the nation's or of God's law.

As for Cokie Roberts, the statement she made was during the panel discussion of a largely conservative-aligned show. This is a time for panelists to express and discuss their "opinions." After making her statement, she was met with stoney silence. Hardly what I consider to be a ringing endorsement of all media on the subject of choice.

All things considered, Roe vs. Wade and women's choice remains legal in this nation. Abortions continue. The damage has already been done. Legal or illegal, fetal tissue will also continue to be available. It is our duty to allow every possible medical advancement to be made now, for everyone in need.

Paul Burke  
Grayling

## 'True point' has been reached, says longtime volunteer

To the editor,

I have been a volunteer at the animal shelter since 1989. I believe I had the best teacher anyone could have had. Her name was Dixie Lobsinger.

Recently I have heard that Dixie had no volunteers because she was nasty to them. I will grant you that she doesn't always say thank you and her rules are very strict, but I have never seen her be nasty to anyone that volunteered. As a matter of fact, many of us have been with her for years. People do not generally hang around someone that is nasty to them for years.

Dixie feels that everyone who volunteers is there because they want to be, not because they want to be thanked. The strict rules are only to protect the people and the animals at the shelter. Not one volunteer has ever been harmed to my knowledge and we all know animals can injure you if things are not done correctly. No volunteer was ever asked to handle an animal she felt was capable of harming us. Even if she was supposed to have the day off, she would come to handle those animals.

Members of the shelter board called me many times wanting me to apply for the shelter job. I did

consider it, thinking at least the animals would be cared for until Dixie's return. I did not apply. Dixie is also my friend and I know what that shelter means to her. Every animal that comes to the shelter gets more love from her than it probably has received in its whole life. The shelter is not a job to her, it is her life.

On Sunday, January 21, Marge Mathew asked me to come volunteer at the shelter (I must admit I had been having withdrawals). We decided I would go in on Wednesday, January 24. I had discussed volunteering with Dixie and she told me she was afraid I would be accused of spying or harassment. I do not always listen to her and went anyway. What I found horrified me.

I arrived at the shelter that morning and was told by a volunteer that the dogs had already been fed and watered, but when I looked, the buckets were full of ice with a little water on top of it. A young dog tied to the fence had a collar on that was too tight. I took her inside to put a new collar on her and she gulped food so quickly she was actually choking herself. I could not believe what I was seeing! She drank water until I

thought she would burst.

I then went around and fed and watered all of the animals. I went to my paying job and worried all day about the animals. That night, I called Dixie and I was crying. When she told me she could do nothing and that I should just stay away, I was shocked. I have never known her not to come to the defense of the animals.

Thursday night (January 25), Louise (Tournaud) called to tell me she had quit and asked me to check on the welfare of a sick dog at the shelter. I agreed to check on the dog Friday morning. What I saw made me ill. Tied to the fence along the driveway was a dog with bloody diarrhea. The ground was saturated. Never in my 11 years has a dog at the shelter been left out when someone knew it was ill. Their excuse was that they could not put the dog in because it would expose the other animals. I later learned the dog had already been inside while it was ill. The dogs inside had already been exposed! There was no excuse!

The fact that the dog was ill was not the point. Sick animals come to the shelter often. If the decision is made to treat them, they are kept in a kennel and every effort is made

to keep the exposure of other animals to a minimum. If it appears that treatment is not possible, they are euthanized. You know Dixie always had to try first. Never has a sick dog been knowingly left out in the cold. What I saw that day was animal abuse at a place where I have seen animals receive the most humane treatment possible for 11 years! I probably overreacted, but I just could not believe it.

Dixie has always said a new shelter would be nice, but only people cared about that. She said the animals would find a cardboard box in the woods to be all right as long as they were fed, watered, cared for, and loved. That's what she gave every animal, regardless of their fate. I know she was right.

What do you people want? Do you think a fresh coat of paint is more important than humane care, love, and respect for the animals at the shelter? I believe we have now reached the true point of this whole matter and need to do something about it. I know what has to be done, but does the rest of this community? Speak your piece before it is too late.

Tonya Lewis-Brady  
Grayling

## Recent letters about shelter stir up many emotions

To the editor,

This is in regard to the letters to the editor in the recent past.

Susan Thiel, your positive activities happening at the shelter are long overdue. What wonderful volunteers you board members are. I can not tell you how many times I have seen my mother repairing cages and fence by herself. Where were you then? You all are patting yourselves on the back for a job well done. Well, to enlighten you, it is long overdue!

It sounds like you have had a whole army over there working. You knew that my mother had only four days off in the last two years. Where were you then? These things should have been done over a year ago. Where were you when they first started? Why couldn't you do them then? Hmm, why don't we think on that one, too!

How can some of us visit the

shelter when you, the board members, have filed a lawsuit accusing Dixie and her "agents" of trespassing? Please answer that! Which of us might you decide were Dixie's "agents?" If someone who has given 13 years of her life can be charged with trespassing at the shelter, then no one can be safe from being charged with that.

I also have a suggestion for improving the animal shelter. This has to be the best improvement ever... let the person who knows the job best back in, and that is Dixie Lobsinger.

Mr. Kenney, do you know both sides of the story? I do not recall you calling this house to talk to my mother. Who are you to criticize Cheryll for her reporting when you have asked no questions yourself? Obviously, you are biased yourself. I would say your accusations are kind of like the pot calling the ket-

tle black. You see sir, I was there at the front gates. Low and behold, there was a mini van there. But was it Cheryll's? I think not! In fact, it belongs to Vivian Smith. You better look at the photo better. I think you should get your facts straight before you start pointing fingers, don't you?

Louise, I applaud you for your letter. It is indeed time for people to see behind the walls. But, I have one last comment. How is it that we, as a community, can sit back and let these things happen? Dixie volunteered her time at the shelter for nine years with no pay. Now all of our donations, and the money she worked hard to save, are going to pay employees to do a job. This was never a job to my mother; she let it become her life. I am sure all the people and animals she has helped over the years would be able to attest to that.

To the public, why don't you try to find out if the low cost spay/neuter program my mother worked so hard to start is still going. Are the animals getting the kind of care that they have been given all these years? Can the people at the animal shelter answer your questions in a satisfactory manner? If your pet is having behavioral problems, will the shelter employees offer you help?

Let's see, an army of people who give the shelter a facelift, patting themselves on the back.... or, someone who has truly cared for the animals and people of this community for many years. Money to pay employees to do a job of less value than Dixie did. Perhaps that should be the thought for the day!

Melissa Lobsinger  
Grayling

## In the words of St. Francis of Assisi...

To the editor,

As we go forth as a community to decide the future of the Animal Shelter and its leadership, let us keep in mind the words of St.

Francis of Assisi:

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will

deal likewise with their fellow men."

Let us choose wisely.

Mickie and Dennis Meyers  
Grayling

### Letters to the Editor

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# BRIEFS

## Senior 'Lucky 7' Casino trip coming up

Meet at the Commission on Aging, Senior Center (on Lawndale in Grayling) for the Lucky 7 (20/25/50) Casino Trip at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 15. Call 348-7123 to make reservations.

## Program offers friendly voice to seniors

The Commission on Aging Senior Center offers "Telephone Reassurance" for those who live alone. With this program, senior citizens can receive a call each day to check on their welfare and for a little conversation. For more information, call 348-7123.

## Tickets on sale for Jr. Miss state event

2000 Grayling Junior Miss Monique Fagan and First Runner-Up Jessica Abfalter will compete at the Michigan Junior Miss Competition in Alpena on March 24. Anyone wishing to attend and give their support may order tickets by calling Julie Fagan at 348-2418 by February 9. Cost is \$12.

## 'Gaelic Storm' to perform at Kirtland

"Gaelic Storm," an Irish/Celtic group, will perform songs, dance and "madcap" comedy at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, Saturday, February 10 at 8 p.m. The group was featured as the "Steering Party Band" in the hit movie *Titanic*. Tickets range in price from \$16 to \$20 each, and discount family ticket packages are also available. For ticket reservations, call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.

## Help Center begins annual 'paper drive'

February is Paper Drive Month at the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. The Center welcomes donations of toilet tissue, facial tissue, and paper towels to be distributed to those in need through its food pantry services. Donations may be brought to any church or to the Help Center on Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

## Viking Band Boosters to meet

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters will meet Monday, February 12 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School band room. All high school and middle school band parents are encouraged to attend.

## MS 'self help' group meeting planned

A Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Self Help Group meeting is held the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Roscommon Community Center. Anyone with MS or desiring to know more about the disease is invited to attend. The next meeting is February 20. For more information, contact Randy Brown at 348-6536.

## Lions' Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 winner of \$300 is M&M Excavating.

## Health Department continues flu shots

It's not too late to get protection from the flu. The local Health Department continues to offer flu vaccines through the month of February. Cost is \$10 or, where applicable, Medicare/Medicaid will be billed. Anyone still needing a flu shot is asked to call for an appointment at 348-7800.

## Undersheriff to attend Lovells meeting

Crawford County Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Lovells Township meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 13 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to attend this meeting. The Undersheriff will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, will remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

## Secretary of State closed for two days

The Grayling Secretary of State branch office, located in the Mini Mall, will be closed for remodeling on Thursday and Friday, February 8-9. The office will close at the end of business on Wednesday, February 7 and reopen for business on Monday, February 12 at 9 a.m. Anyone who must do business with the Secretary of State during the time this branch office is closed may go to a branch office in Gaylord, Roscommon, or Kalkaska.

## Local scholarship deadline extended

The Grayling Generating Station is offering a \$10,000 scholarship to a Grayling High School (GHS) senior. Applications are available in the GHS counseling office. The application deadline has been extended to Monday, February 12.

## Frederic D.A.R.E. Graduation this Friday

Parents, relatives and friends of Frederic Elementary School fifth grade students are invited to attend the D.A.R.E. Graduation ceremony, Friday, February 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the school gym. Refreshments will be served and students will be dismissed for the day following the ceremony. For more information, contact Deputy Randy Herman at 348-4616, ext. 332.

## Reading series schedule announced

Kirtland Community College's Department of English has announced the line-up for the Winter 2001 *Controlled Burn* Reading Series, sponsored, in part, by the Instructional Division of Kirtland Community College. The reading series, beginning its eighth full year, brings nationally and internationally noted writers to the community for readings and question-and-answer sessions; these events are free and open to the public.

On Wednesday, February 7, fiction writer Susan Hubbard, comes to Kirtland. Hubbard's most recent book, *Blue Money*, received the 1999 Janet Heidinger Kafka Prize for the best book of fiction published by an American Woman.

On Wednesday, March 7, poet Gregory Orr will visit northern Michigan. Orr, who directs the Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing at the University of Virginia, is the author of seven books of poetry, most notably this year's *Orpheus & Eurydice*.

On Wednesday, April 28, Michigan poet Richard Tillinghast will come to Kirtland. A distinguished member of the University of Michigan's Creative Writing faculty, Tillinghast is the author of several collections of poetry, including *The Stonecutter's Hand*, *And Our Flag Was Still There*, *Today in the Café Trieste* and last

year's *Six Mile Mountain* among others. The readings all happen at Kirtland's Continuing Education Center on College Drive, and all these readings are followed by a reception with book signing. A question-and-answer session with each writer precedes their event at 4:00 in room 5 of the Academic Building. For more information about the readings, contact Gerry LaFemina of Kirtland's English Department at (517) 275-5000, ext. 376.

## Plans begin early for this year's Holiday Arts and Crafts Show

The 2001 Holiday Arts and Crafts Show, sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association and the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, will be held October 13 at the Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary School complex. Show hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All interested artists and crafters need to enter and apply early for 5-foot x 10-foot booths at a cost of \$25 each. There are a few spaces available with electricity.

Each exhibitor must provide their own display set-up needs such as tables, chairs, racks and easels. Set-up time is from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. the morning of the show. All exhibits must be cleared from the building no later than 5:30 p.m. There are no pets, radios or smoking allowed inside the show.

Exhibitors must agree to hold the

GPA, Mercy Hospital Auxiliary and the Crawford AuSable School District free from any and all liability. All exhibitors must provide the organizers with either a Michigan Sales Tax I.D. or complete a one-time Concessionaire's Tax Form to participate in the show. GPA will have Concessionaire's Forms available.

All items must be hand-crafted. No manufactured, ready-made, mass produced, or other non-handmade items will be allowed.

Publicity of the show will be done through newspaper advertisements, posters and flyers, along with radio and television public service announcements.

To obtain an application, please write to: Sherry Hanson c/o GPA, P.O. Box 150, Grayling, MI 49738 or call Marianne Gosnell at (517) 348-8253.

## Winter skies explored at Besser

The 2001 planetarium season is under way at the Jesse Besser Museum's planetarium. The first offering of new year is entitled "The Stars of Winter." This program is designed to give the audience a tour of the spectacular winter sky.

How many times have you asked, "What's that bright star in the West?" or "What's that group of stars over there in the East?" These are the types of questions this program addresses. In "The Stars of Winter," you will learn to locate and identify the many bright stars, magnificent constellations and any planets visible in evening skies this winter.

Additionally, some of the legends associated with these constellations will be discussed.

These are but a few of the mysteries of the night that await you in "The Stars of Winter." The program can be seen each Sunday through March 25 (except for February 18 and 25 when closed for remodeling) at the Jesse Besser Museum's planetarium.

Show time is 2 p.m. Admission is \$1 in addition to the Museum admission fee. For more information, contact Tom Gougeon, Planetarium Coordinator, at the Jesse Besser Museum, 491 Johnson Street in Alpena, telephone (517) 356-2202.

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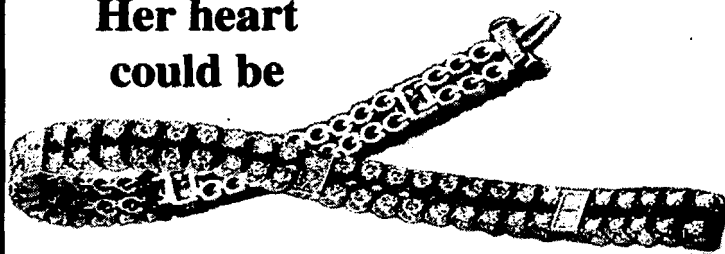
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# The Bible Speaks

## Are you Caring?

The song, "Others" reminds us of how we should love: "Lord help me to live from day to day. In such a self - forgetful way. That even when I kneel to pray, My prayer shall be for OTHERS. Others, Lord, yes, others. Let this my motto be, Help me to live for others. That I might live like Thee." Our Lord said, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Matt 20:28). "For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat, but I am among you as he that serveth." (Luke 22:27)

Many hurting people today feel like the Psalmist in 142:4: "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me; refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul." God tells us how to treat our neighbors: "For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness. Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Rom 13:9) If we really love our neighbor we will respect and protect the family, the life, the property, the honor, and the blessings of our neighbor. This is the least love we can show.

to love our neighbor as ourselves. "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Gal 5:14) "If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well." (James 2:8)

When we love our neighbors as ourselves we live by God's golden rule. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets." (Matt 7:12) "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." (Rom 13:8)

In Luke 10:29, someone trying to avoid personal responsibility asked Jesus, "Who is my Neighbor?" Jesus replied by telling about the good Samaritan who helped the injured person who was robbed and beaten by thieves. Jesus told how the priest and Levite passed by the injured man, but the good Samaritan stopped and helped him. Then Jesus asked, "Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise." (Luke 10:36,37)

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Camp Shawano, Camp Lehman, the Crawford County Jail, and the Meadows. As our Lord taught us: "Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matt. 25:37-40)

Jesus Christ teaches us to love every human being with unconditional love. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cha/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cha/index.html>

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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## Support group assists during grief

The human response to losing a loved one through death is a period of normal grieving. For some individuals, this may last months. For others grief may continue for years.

If you have lost someone close and wonder how to deal with what you are feeling, MidMichigan Hospice Grief Recovery Series may be helpful. The series is open to all community members. It begins Thursday, February 15, and meets each Thursday through March 22, 1 to 2:30 P.m., at Good Shepherd

United Methodist Church, 149 E. Robinson Lake Road in Roscommon.

Each series is facilitated by Sue Eastman, Medical Social Worker for MidMichigan Hospice.

Teaching material, videos and small group discussion are used to help participants through the grieving process.

Topics for discussion include factors that make grief and mourning a unique and individual process and the phases of grief. The series

emphasizes that individuals grieve in their own way in the own time and assists them in understanding the process.

These groups are open to all adult community members, those who are Hospice families and those who are not. The sessions are free, however pre-registration is requested by calling MidMichigan Health Line, 1-800-999-3199.

For more information, contact MidMichigan Hospice, 1-800-852-9350.

## Tabernacle to host evangelical minister

Burning Bush Tabernacle, located at 501 E. Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will be hosting the international ministry of Evangelist Gil Howard-Browne.

Reverend Howard-Browne is an

accomplished recording artist as well as a renowned minister of the gospel.

The meetings will begin Sunday, February 11 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., continuing nightly at 7 p.m. through

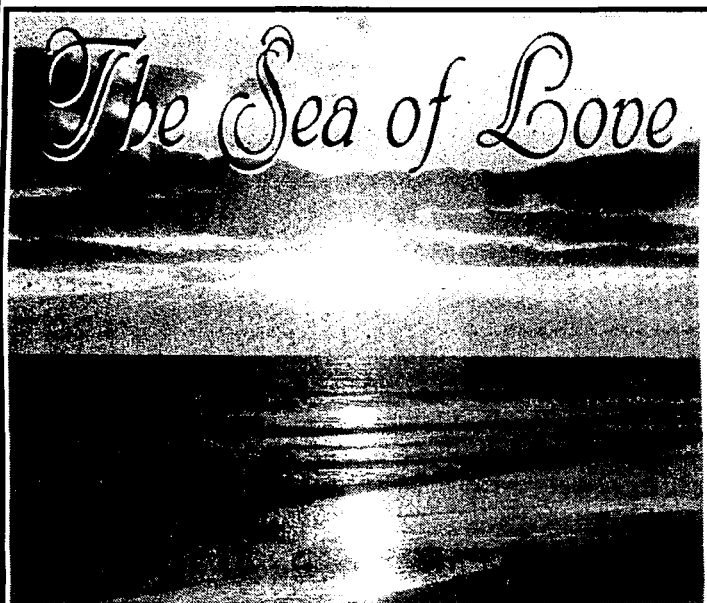
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## Church Directory



See how she shimmers in her golden gown, stretching against the rising sun. She is calm now as the day begins. Soon she becomes restless, stretching her fingertips toward the sand. As time goes on, clouds surround her, dimming her beauty. A storm ensues and with thunder and lightning she pounds the shore. Yet, as quickly as it left, the calm returns to her hypnotic face. Then it is evening. She dons her gown of black velvet. Slipping slowly into the night, the excitement of her fragrance lingers. Yet she returns each morning. She never fails.

The way of love is much like that of the sea. It is so beautiful, yet unpredictable. Storms may brew through the course of a day, but calm always returns to make way for loving and happy moments. Most importantly, like the love of God, true love never fails.

As Valentines Day approaches let us meditate upon the way of true love and rededicate our love to that special one in our life. Happy Valentines Day.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 John 5:1-7	2 John 1:1-13	3 John 1:1-13	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Galatians 5:1-25	Ephesians 1:1-14	Ephesians 1:15-23

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M-72 West  
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Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) ..... 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
Gordon French, Pastor  
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd.  
275-8613  
In Search of the Lord's Way  
Sunday Mornings ..... 9 am  
TV 29 & 8 ..... 10 am  
Sunday Classes ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Mid-Week Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday School ..... 9 am  
Sunday Service ..... 10 am

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
Pastor Paul Rolfe  
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic  
Sunday ..... 10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7 pm

**Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
Pastors Lacey and Carol Stephan  
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd. • P.O. Box 1188  
Church School ..... 9:45 am  
Preaching ..... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 pm

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
Rev. V. Schaap  
415 Ohio North, Gaylord  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor  
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657  
Sabbath Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil Mass ..... 6 pm  
Sunday Masses ..... 8:00 am  
Family Mass ..... 10:00 am  
Scripture Study (Sundays) ..... 9:15 am  
Daily Masses ..... 9:15 am  
Wednesday & Fridays ..... 8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm  
Blessing Radio (Internet) <http://blessing-radio.com>

**Resurrection Life Church**  
Pastor Jimmie McWatters  
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room  
231-536-7933 • [jmcwat@freeway.net](mailto:jmcwat@freeway.net)  
Sunday Services ..... 11:00 am

**Christian Science Society**  
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord  
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
April through October  
2nd Wednesday ..... 8 pm

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Jeffrey Jagers  
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974  
Barrier Free  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 am  
(Child Care is Available)  
Children's  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 am  
Adult Sunday School ..... 11:15 a.m.  
Junior Church ..... 10:30 am  
Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 10:30 am

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor Jeff Arthur  
Phone 517-275-1061  
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East  
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)  
Church Service  
Saturday ..... 9:30 am  
Sabbath School  
Saturday ..... 10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Service & Children's Church ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm  
Thursday Discipleship Class ..... 7 pm  
Significant Singles Monday ..... 7 pm

**Reorganizing Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885  
Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children ..... 7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President George D. Rasin  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord  
Sacrament ..... 10 am  
Sunday School ..... 11 am  
Primary ..... 11 am  
Priesthood ..... 12 noon  
Relief Society ..... 12 noon

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Adult and Youth  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
Pastor Wayne Knockel  
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Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am  
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Pastor Terry Colby  
705 Madsen St. • Grayling  
348-2557

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
Pastor Fred Coates  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
(616) 258-3448  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Worship Service ..... 11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**Lovells Chapel**  
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Chapel Service ..... 11 am  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7-8 pm

**Free Methodist**  
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor  
6652 (M-72 W.) • 348-9093  
or 348-5362  
Early Service ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Morning Service ..... 11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

**Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran--Missouri Synod**  
Vacancy Pastor - Rev. William Winter  
905 N. I-75 Bus. Lp.  
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Sunday Services ..... 11:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Adult Bible Study ..... 10 am

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**St. Francis Episcopal**  
Rev. Robert Henley  
M-72 West  
Office 348-5850

Sunday Holy Eucharist ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am  
Morning Praise ..... 10:30 am  
(the second Sunday of each month)  
Adult & Children's Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
Sunday nursery provided ..... 10:30 am  
by Licensed Daycare Professional  
Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday) ..... 6:45 pm

**St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Wels)**  
Herbert R. Filter - Pastor  
For information call 275-5443  
Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 am, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

**Luzerne Baptist**  
Pastor James Durfee  
2247 Durfee Lane  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Unity Center**  
Rex Franklin, Minister  
Otsego Twp. Hall, Waters  
(517) 786-3913  
Sunday Services ..... 10:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 am

**Westminster-By-The-Lake**  
Higgins Lake - (Just east of Ralph MacMullan Conference Center)  
Sunday Outdoor Chapel Worship ..... 11 am



## OBITUARIES

### John Richard Greene

July 19, 1922 - Feb. 4, 2001

John Richard Greene, 78, of Canton died on February 4, 2001 at his home.

Mr. Greene was born on July 19, 1922 in Grayling to William and Margrethe (Cook) Greene. He married the former Margaret Lashbrook on July 3, 1942 in Detroit.

Mr. Greene was a sales manager for Ford Heavy Duty Truck Sales where he worked for 40 years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge #1190.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include: three daughters: Margaret A. (Jon) Wolf of St. Charles, Illinois; Darlene G. (David W.) Makowiec of Canton, and Sandra L. (fiance Gary Morrow) Croft of Livonia; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother, William (Barbara) Greene of Grayling; one aunt, Helene Mowbray of Grayling and cousins: Robert (Lee) Paulsen, Donna Visnaw and Dale (Cheryl) Melroy all of Grayling.

Visitation was on Wednesday, February 7, 2001 from noon to 4 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2001, at the funeral home with Reverend Wayne Knockel officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Lillian Brabender

Feb. 12, 1909 - Jan. 30, 2001

Lillian Brabender, 91, of Grayling died on January 30, 2001 at Mercy Manor, Grayling.

Lillian was born on February 12, 1909 in Ludington to Robert and Hattie (Voight) Peacock. She married John Arthur Brabender on October 15, 1928 in Mt. Clemens.

Mrs. Brabender lived in Grayling since 1966. She was a homemaker, and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling. She was a resident of Mercy Manor for the last three years and previously lived at AuSagra Manor for 12 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Arthur and two daughters: Joan Ladiski and Betty Woolman.

Survivors include: two daughters: Donna Mau of Hobe Sound, Florida and Susan (Clarence) Welser of St. Clair; two sons: Richard (Bonnie) Brabender of Johannesburg and Kenneth (Carol) Brabender of Gaylord; two son-in-laws: Robert Woolman of Lewiston and Paul Ladiski of St. Johns; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on February 2, 2001 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Father Anthony Citro officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Mabel I. Dingman Soule

Mar. 25, 1902 - Feb. 2, 2001

Mabel I. Dingman Soule, 98, of Kalkaska, died on February 2, 2001 at her home.

Mabel was born on March 25, 1902 in East Tawas to John and Ethel Goodale Martindale. She married Earl Dingman in 1920 and he preceded her in death in 1962. In 1965, she married Russel Soule.

Mrs. Soule was a resident of Flint, Flushing and Gaylord until 1952, when she and her husband moved to Kalkaska County where they owned and operated Dingmans Bar until 1965. She was a member of the Women's National Bear Hunt Association and many civic affairs including the erection of the National Trout Memorial and the construction of the Bear Lake Community Center. She was a former member of the Kalkaska Area Chamber of Commerce.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Earl Dingman; an infant son; and her brothers and sisters.

Survivors include: her husband, Russel Soule; four grandchildren: Gary (Susan) Hirt of Kalkaska, Barbara (Jack) Martin of Traverse City, Christine (Keith) Nash of Rapid City and Rick (Susan) Hirt of Williamsburg; six great-grandchildren; and two great great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Wolfe Funeral Home, Kalkaska, on Saturday, February 10, 2001 from noon until the memorial service at 1 p.m. Inurnment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Elk Rapids.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to Mercy Hospice, Grayling.

## HOMETOWN NEWS

Private Stephan J. Moon, Jr., a graduate of Grayling High School, has entered Basic Training for the Army at Ft. Knox Kentucky. His training after basic will be for Radio and communications. His plans are to take advantage of the Montgomery G.I. Bill to use for college tuition.

You can write him until 3/25/01 at: Pvt. Stephan J. Moon, Jr., C Co/46 Inf., 2nd PLT Hilanders, Ft. Knox, KY 40121.

## MILITARY NEWS

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Craig S. Collen has arrived for duty at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea.

He is the son of George S. and Carolyn A. Collen of Sam Road, Grayling.

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## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Thought for the week ahead: The trouble with being old is you're not young enough to enjoy it!

Our Congregate Dining Program consists of two meals, Monday through Thursday and one on Friday. Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at 517-348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for, however, walk-ins are more than welcome.

Feb. 7 - BBQ Pork/Chicken & biscuits; Commodities at the Eagles from 9:30 to 10:30; Hearing Clinic by appointment; Exercises and Line dancing at 10 & 11; Alzheimers Seminar at 12:15; Stag Cards at 12:30; Wendy's Bingo at 5:30.

Feb. 8 - Stuffed Ham/roast Beef: Blood pressures and blood sugars taken 11 to noon; Taxes; by appointment, from 10 to 2; Pinochle Club at 1 and Cardo at 5:30.

Feb. 9 - Roast Chicken, no dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80 cent Rummy at 1.

Feb. 10 - Foot Clinic by appointment, and be sure to bring a towel.

Feb. 12 - Pork Cutlets/Chop Suey; The new "Gripes and Gab" club meets at 10; Stag Cards at 12; Bridge Club at 1; and Hangman at 5:30.

Feb. 13 - Ham/Creamed Chicken; Surplus Food Distribution at the Eagles 9 to 1; Dominoes at 12:30; Euchre Club at 1 and Grayling Housing Board meets at 6:30.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during February 7, 2001 through February 13, 2001:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Bombing and strafe firing conducted.

The Range 40 Complex, located North of County Rd. 612, East of Sherman Rd., South of Old State Road 618, and West of county Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Military maneuvers and mortar firing.

Range 13, located South of the main post, bounded on the West by

Crawford County Line, North of Daniels Road and East of the gas pipeline. Mortar firing.

Small Arms Ranges located West of Lake Margrethe, North of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and South of Portage Creek.

The Range 30 Complex, located North of North Down River Road, East of Jones Lake Road, South of CR 612, and West of Bald Hill Truck Trail.

In addition, Stephan Bridge Road from CR 612 to N. Down River Road will be closed February 7, 2001.

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• Sat & Sun 2 and 4pm

### The Wedding Planner - PG-13 (103)

Starring - Jennifer Lopez

• 7 nightly

• Sat & Sun 2pm

### Traffic - R (147)

Starring - Michael Douglas

• 7 and 9:30pm nightly

• Sat & Sun 2:30pm

### Cast Away - PG-13 (144)

Starring - Tom Hanks and Helen Hunt

• 7 and 9:25pm nightly

• Sat & Sun 2:30pm

### Hannibal - R (131)

Starring - Anthony Hopkins and Julianne Moore

• 7 and 9:20pm nightly

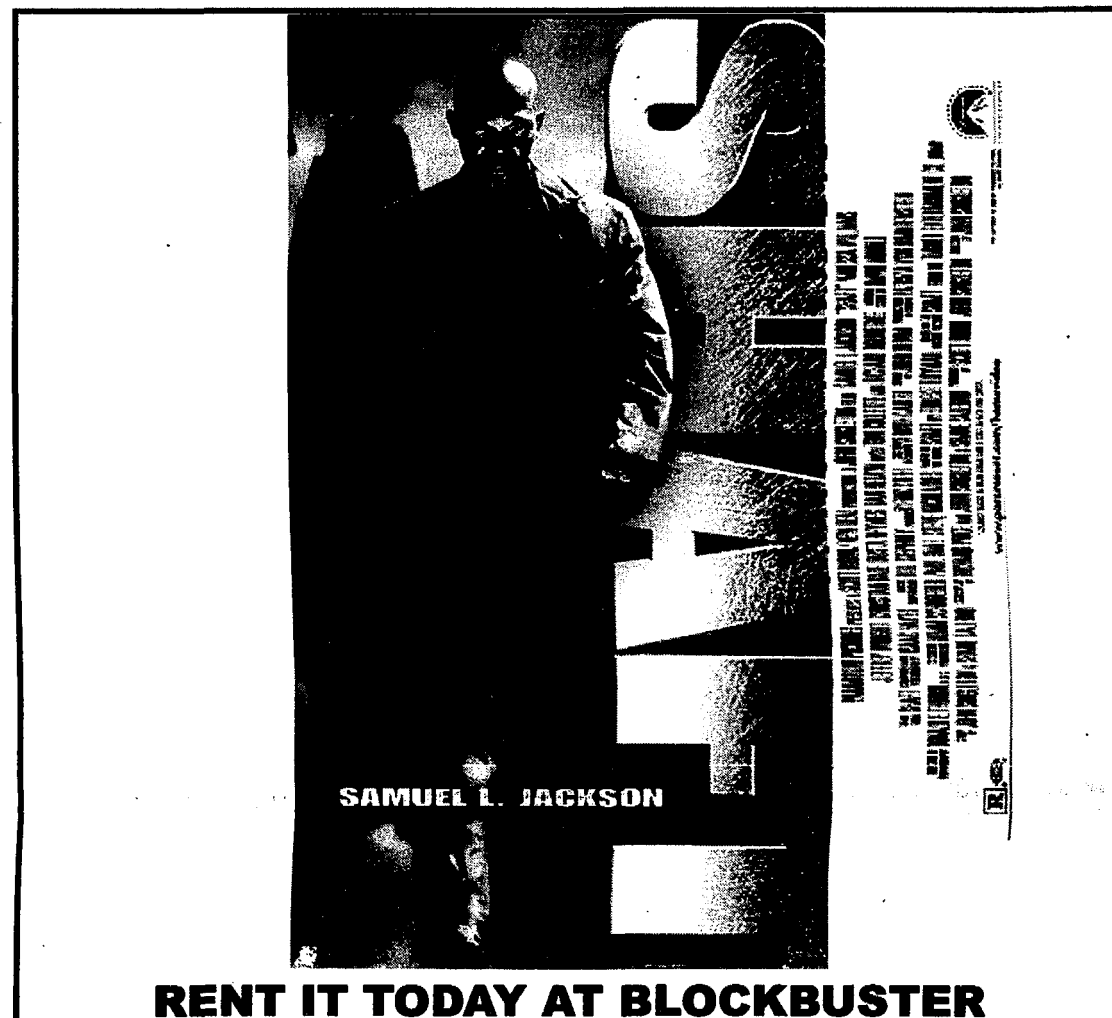
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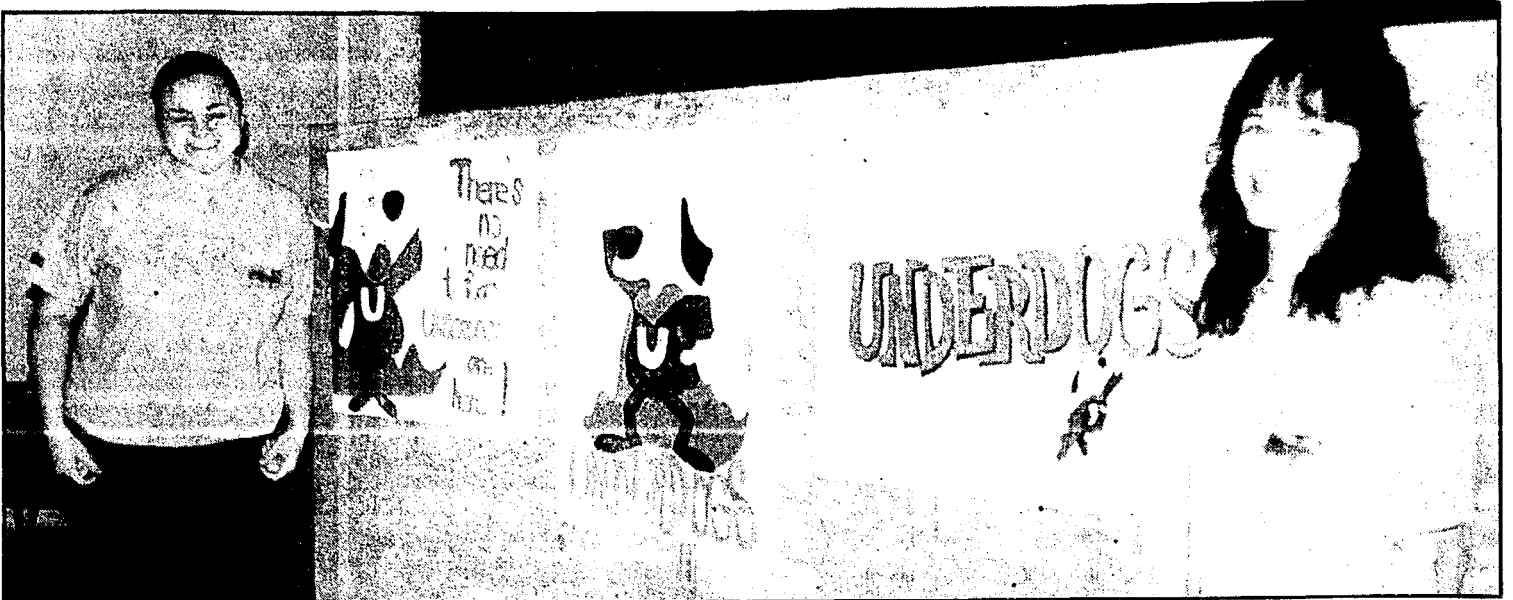
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Displaced shelter volunteer Mika Sumner created these Underdog posters and Brenda Wargo is treasurer of the group.

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(Above and right) Underdogs worked together to prepare and serve up spaghetti and salad.



At last count, \$3,120 was raised by Dixie's Underdogs to help pay legal expenses in a lawsuit filed against her last month by unknown parties within the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. Money was raised mostly through a benefit spaghetti dinner on February 4 at the Gray Rock Cafe. Baked goods were sold, as well as home made pet toys and treats. About 300 people attended the dinner and more donations are coming in. A group sampling is shown below.

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Eagles Club, 602 Huron Grayling

**Wednesday - 6:30 pm**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
K of C Hall, 604 Norway Grayling

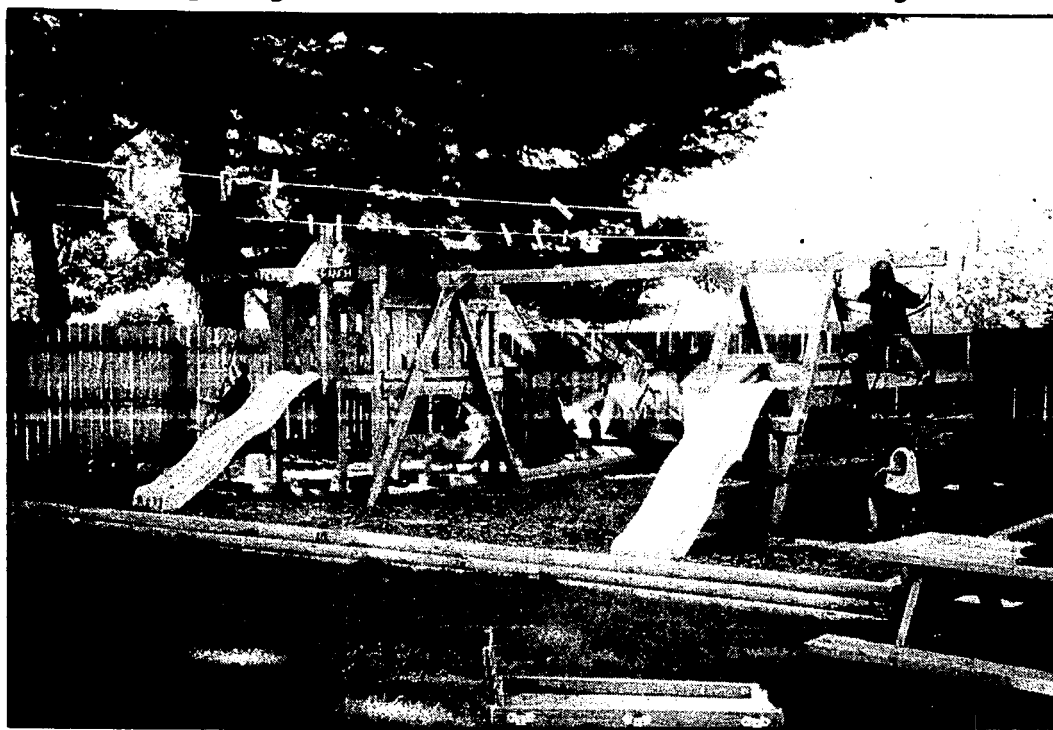
**Friday - 6:30 pm**  
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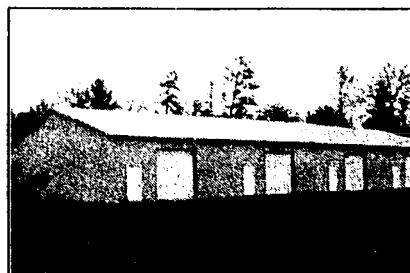
## Grant helps improve playtime at local home daycare

The Michigan 4C (Community Coordinated Child Care) Association granted over \$900 to Grayling child care provider Joni Lee Dunckel to build this elaborate play area for those in her care. Dunckel submitted a proposal and plan last year for the project to increase the quality of child care in Grayling and, therefore, in the state. Shown are daycare kids enjoying the new equipment at Dunckel's home daycare facility last summer, right after the project was completed. Dunckel had a deadline of September 12, 2000.

Photo provided by M. Dunckel



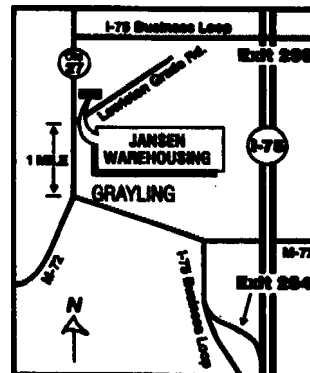
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The People Fund is administered by a volunteer board of directors separate from the Cooperative's board. Funds are distributed to charitable and non-profit groups throughout GLE's service area. All funds are returned to the communities where they are collected, since there are no overhead or administrative costs.

People Fund grants were awarded throughout GLE's 26 county service area that stretches from the Mackinac Bridge to Kalamazoo. Local grant awards last year included:

- Kalkaska Area Youth Soccer - \$5,000 to purchase new goals and to complete the new soccer fields;
- Kalkaska County 4-H - \$10,000 toward the purchase of a 15-passenger van used by many community agencies to transport youth;
- Otsego Conservation District in Gaylord - \$1,000 to establish a handicapped accessible trail at the Otsego County Alternative Landscaping Site and Conservation Forest;
- Otsego County Ambulance Corps - \$15,000 in matching funds for the purchase of eight automated external defibrillators (five for fire stations and three for Sheriff patrol cars);
- Otsego County Sportsplex - \$10,000 to complete their indoor walking and running track;
- Otsego Wildlife Legacy Society (OWLS) - \$4,000 to be used toward the construction of a log schoolhouse at the Otsego Environmental Learning Site;
- The Friendship Center in Gaylord - \$3,500 for roof repairs on two residential buildings; and
- The Salvation Army in Gaylord - \$3,000 to provide emergency and temporary assistance to Otsego County residents.

Crawford County Community Christian Church in Grayling - \$3,000 to purchase food and personal items for their food pantry;
- Lovells Township Fire Department - \$2,995 to purchase an automatic external defibrillator;

## NMH named a top hospital for stroke care

Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey has been recognized by HCIA-Sachs Institute for excellence in the provision of stroke care to patients and has received a 100 Top Stroke Hospitals award. The hospital's recognition for clinical excellence and efficient delivery of care was published in Modern Healthcare magazine, a leading industry publication.

"We were certainly pleased with this designation," said Jeffrey T. Wendling, President and CEO of Northern Michigan Hospital. "It is a well-deserved tribute to our physicians, nursing staff and other health professionals who care for stroke patients at our hospital."

"Our study shows clearly that the winners of the 100 Top Hospitals Stroke award are providing stroke care with significantly fewer complications and significantly fewer deaths than other hospitals," said Jean Chenoweth, Senior Vice President, HCIA-Sachs, L.L.C. "For consumers, our study also provides clear guidance: stroke services, such as those in 100 Top Stroke Hospitals, that treat high numbers of stroke patients tend to produce better results than programs that treat small numbers of patients tend to produce better results than programs that treat small numbers of patients and/or are trying to grow at a very

fast pace."

The award comes just over two months after Northern Michigan Hospital introduced its Stroke Center on October 1, 2000. The Center meets guidelines established by the Michigan Department of Community Health and those published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

One of the hallmark components of the Stroke Center is a rapid response team made up of a neurologist, CT scanner technician, radiologist and a member of the nursing staff or a neuro nurse clinician. Patients are critically evaluated within minutes of arrival at the hospital in an effort to determine if they have suffered a stroke and what the best course of treatment action will be.

Admission to the hospital's stroke center, housed on Level II in rooms 296-298, is based on specific criteria used by the rapid response team upon initial evaluating of the patient.

"Physicians and staff have come together to make the Center an extremely successful part of stroke care at Northern Michigan Hospital. We are already able to improve patient outcomes because of this cooperative effort," said Steven Huder, M.D., neurologist and director of the Stroke Team and Stroke Center at the hospital.

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by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

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by Linda Demarchis, M.S., Health Educator

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### FALLS ARE A CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY

QUESTION: My husband and I are senior citizens. We know, as people get older they are more likely to fall and suffer a serious injury, such as a broken hip. Is there any way to avoid falls?

SIGNED: Safety over seventy.  
ANSWER: For millions of older Americans, falls are a serious problem. In this country one out of three

Americans over 65 falls each year. Among older adults, falls are the leading cause of injury deaths. In 1997, about 9,000 seniors died of injuries received from a fall. As the number of people over age 65 increases, actually doubling in the next 30 or 40 years, falls will be an even more serious problem, resulting in more hospital admissions, increased medical costs, and even disability or death.

However, falls are not just the result of aging....they are caused by a number of things and many can be prevented. Here are some suggestions from the National Center For Injury Prevention:

- Begin a regular exercise program (check with your doctor first). Exercise can reduce your chances of

falling by making you stronger. Choose exercises that improve balance and coordination.

- Make your home safer, since half of all falls happen at home. Remove things you might trip over from the stairs and main pathways. Remove small throw rugs and use double sided tape on other rugs that may slip.

- Use only cabinets that can be reached easily without using a step stool.

- Have grab bars installed in the bathroom and use non-slip mats in the bathtub or shower.

- Improve the lighting in your home.

- Have handrails and lights put in on all staircases.

- Wear shoes that give support and have non-slip soles. Avoid slipper and athletic shoes with deep treads.

- Ask your doctor or pharmacist to review all your medications, including non-prescription drugs. Some medicines or combinations of medicines can make you drowsy or light-headed, resulting in falls.

- Have your vision checked by an optometrist or ophthalmologist. You may be wearing the wrong glasses or have a condition that hampers your vision. Poor vision can increase your chances of falling.

Most importantly, don't take chances when it comes to safety. It may be quicker to go outside wearing slippers instead of shoes, or easier to stand on a chair than a step stool. However, the end result of these shortcuts may be a serious fall and a life threatening injury.

## One hundred years of life...



Irene Milbocker-Bailey

Irene Milbocker-Bailey, who currently resides in Grayling with her daughter, Thelma Holland, celebrated her 100th birthday on February 7, 2001. She was a lifelong resident of Gaylord until last year.

She grew up in Gaylord with six sisters and six brothers. She is the last surviving member of the Gaylord High School Class of 1919. She went on to teach for three years at the Salling, Hallock, and Pulaski rural schools in Otsego County after six weeks training in Ypsilanti. She married Harold C. Bailey in 1922.

The Baileys had five children and

the family enjoyed many a Sunday drive and picnic, taking a break from farming.

Irene says her greatest accomplishment was probably giving her country "five good citizens" in the form of her children; they are: Richard (Dorothy) Bailey of Farmington Hills, Rosemary (Carl) Gonn of Saginaw, Carol (Frank) Wilkinson of Gaylord, Thelma Holland of Grayling and K. Leone Brown of Gaylord. She also has 26 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.

## Diabetics: now is the time to control your blood pressure

High blood pressure can lead to many health problems...



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High blood pressure or hypertension is sometimes called the "silent killer" because so many people who have it don't know they have it.

"This cardiovascular problem affects about 60-65% of people who have diabetes and diabetics are twice as likely to develop hypertension. Having diabetes and high blood pressure make the risk of heart disease four times greater with 30% to 75% of diabetes complications linked to high blood pressure", said Rhonda Haske, Registered Nurse and Certified Diabetes Educator for Mercy Hospital Grayling. "Control of high blood pressure is the first step in problem prevention."

According to the American Heart Association, people with diabetes

should keep their blood pressure lower than 130/80. Uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to stroke, heart attack, kidney damage, vision loss, and erectile dysfunction in men. Two-thirds of people with diabetes die of some form of heart or blood vessel disease, but there are ways to lower the risk. One of the best ways is to control one's blood pressure by having it checked at least twice a year and by following one's doctor's orders for an eating plan and medication.

Other suggestions come from the Northern Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network, (TIPDON), "Don't smoke, keep your blood cholesterol and blood glucose levels in control and exercise regularly," suggests Ann Scott, Director of TIPDON.

Anyone with diabetes who would like more information on how to control high blood pressure, or would like support group information, contact the Diabetes Education Department at Mercy Hospital Grayling at (517) 348-0455.



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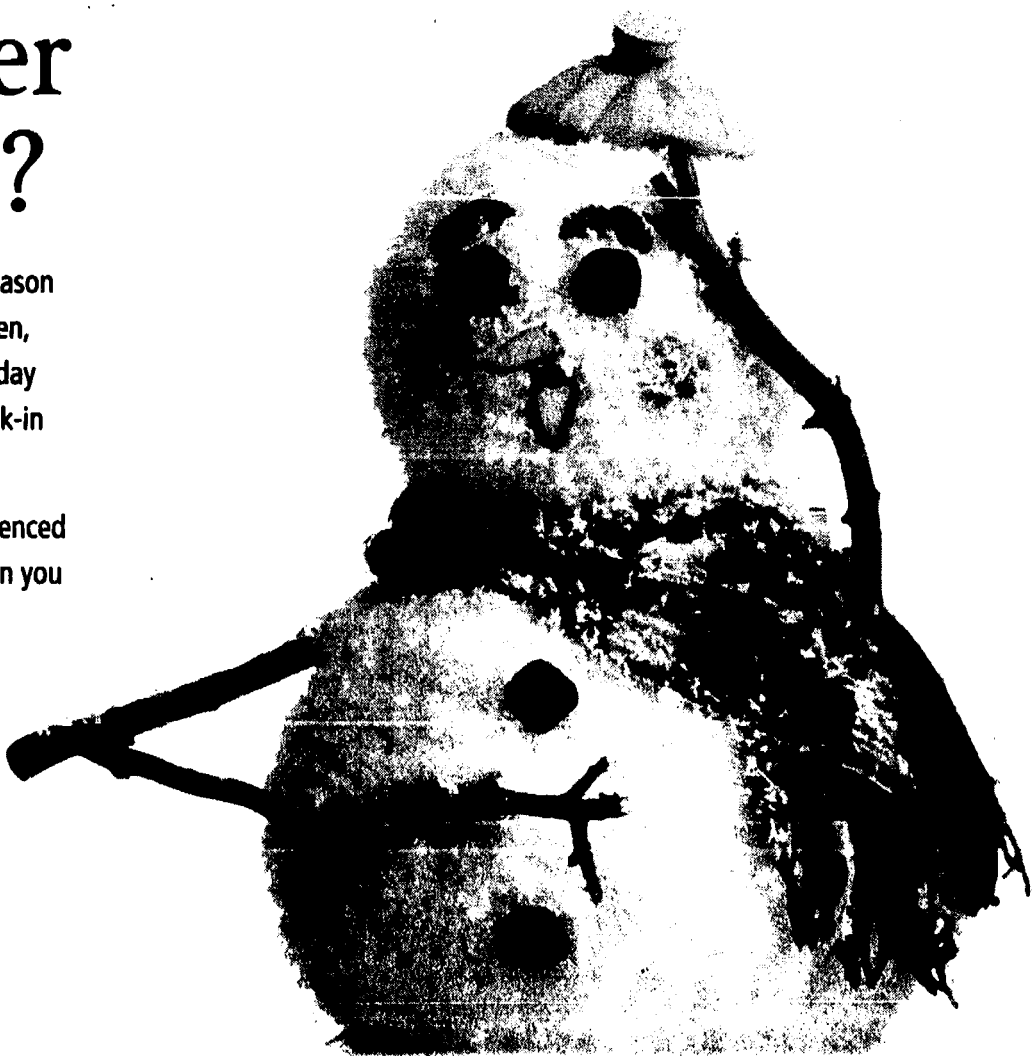
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## Grayling Middle School names Students of the Month



Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for January are (in alphabetical order): Kyle Alexander, Steve Anter, Jessica Banda, Brian Borchers, Travis Brush, Roger Burnett, Nicholas Carrothers, Trevor Clough, Kristie Cummings, Kris Curtis, Zach Dean, Joey Deck, Sarah Dedafoe, James DuBois, Nicholas Fitzpatrick, Joshua Galvani, Hannah Hall, Mark Haywood, Nick Henning, Matt J. Larson, Matt L. Larson, Samantha LeMaster, Monica Leslie, Kassie McClain, Joe Merchant, Ashley Morrison, Katie Murray, Chelsea Newberry, Tony Parris, Drew Rasmussen, Matt Swope, Chelsea VanNuck, Jennifer VanNuck, Jamie Wyss.

## P.I.T. STOP

### Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by Parent Improvement Team, Grayling Middle School

MEAP Tests are over! Your cooperation during testing is appreciated. Make-up tests will be done this week. Overall, the kids did great and everything went pretty smooth.

ACT TESTING for eligible 8th graders will be this Saturday morning. If you have a child taking this test, make sure they get plenty of sleep and a good breakfast.

Ms. Deemer's 1st hour reading class sponsored a read-a-thon for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They raised \$200 and were very excited about it. "It was a wonderful program and every student was successful in their independent reading. I am very proud of them!" Ms. Deemer said.

Ms. Ingvarsson was pretty proud of one her students this week. She received a letter from the Michigan Reading Association stating that a

story she submitted from Tracy Lewis was selected for publication in their book, *Kaleidoscope*.

The GMS ski team will have its last meet at Nub's Nob on Wednesday. They have done well this year, improving at every meet.

School will be closed on February 19 for mid-winter break.

Middle school pre-festival band concert will be February 22 at the high school. Treat yourself and attend this wonderful event.

Our boys basketball team heads into tournament play this week. Good luck!

Our Parent Involvement Team meeting will be held on Thursday, February 8, at 8:25 a.m. Please try to attend. We are open to all new ideas and would love to do some brainstorming as to how to keep connected to our middle schoolers. Make your child proud of you - attend a parents meeting! The public is welcome at all our meetings.

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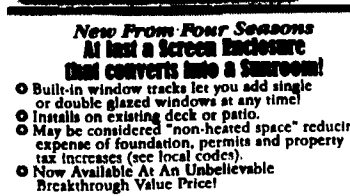
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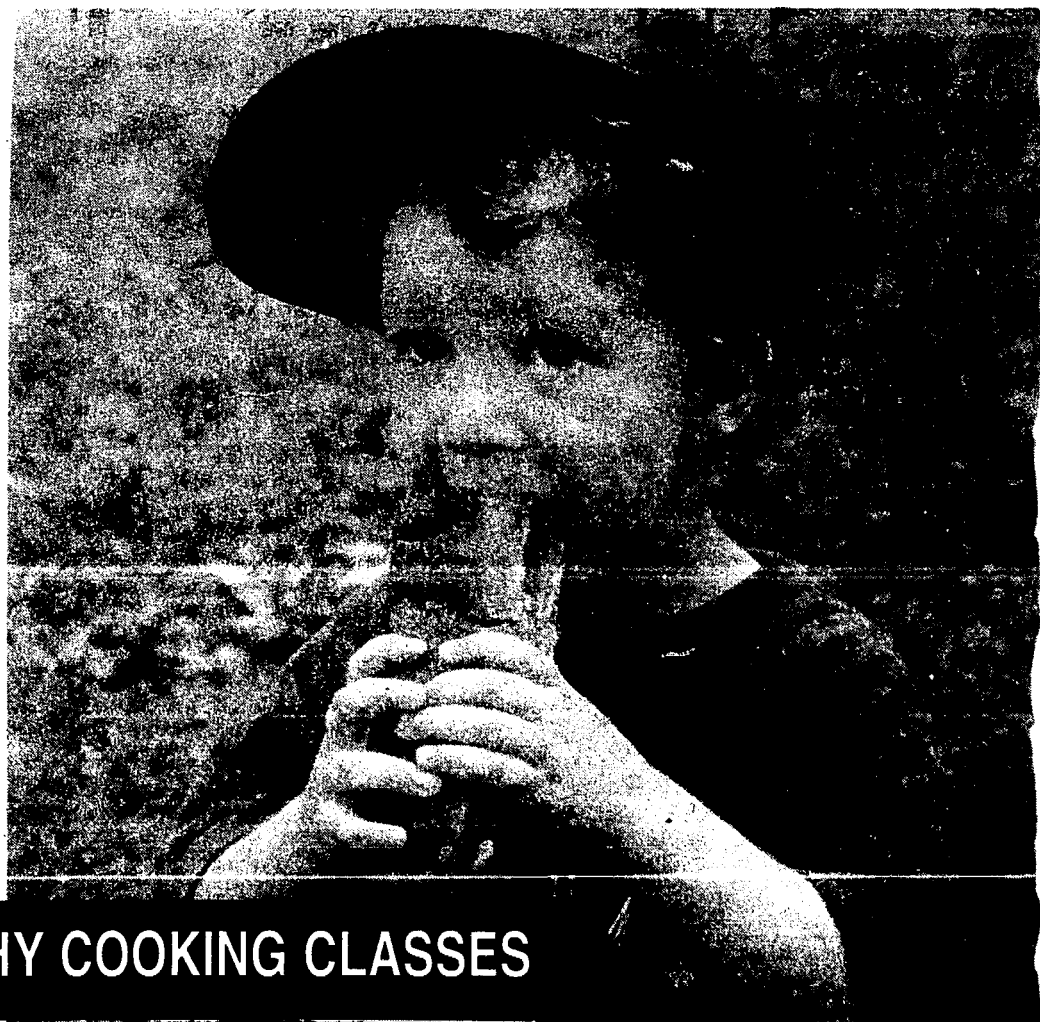
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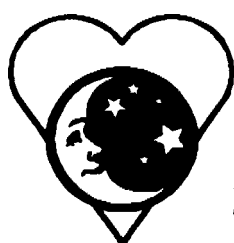
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"I could hardly believe we were among all these people, in celebration of a new beginning," said Crawford County Clerk Sandy Moore. "I have always wanted to go to Washington, D.C. and it was an experience of a lifetime for us." Moore was speaking of her son, Sam, a freshman at Grand Valley State University. The trip to George W. Bush's Inauguration was his mother's birthday gift to him. "I bought the tickets two months ahead of time, so we didn't even know who had won the election. We were just excited to go." The mother and son team got to dress up and rub elbows with Michigan's political contingency. They went to receptions for Rep. Dave Camp and newly appointed Energy Secretary and former Senator Spencer Abraham. They also attended the Inauguration Ceremony. "Watching the inauguration among thousands of spectators was incredible, even though a dreary day," said Moore. "Spirits were high and the



crowd roared beyond expectations." Afterward, Sandy and Sam attended the Inaugural Dinner Dance at the Smithsonian (at right) where they met up with Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris -- of 'chad' fame and Sandy took this photo with Sam. Sandy got an opportunity to talk with 4th Congressional District Representative Dave Camp (bottom) and took advantage of the photo op. All attendees to the Inaugural Dinner Dance received a disposable camera for such photo ops and an engraved silver commemorative cup made by Lenox. While in Washington for five days, the Moores visited many sites and even got stuck in traffic due to protesters and almost missed their flight home.



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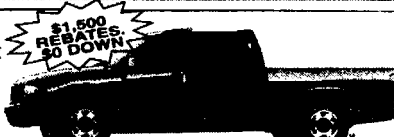
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# Medallion Hunt to finish this week

► Awards banquet to be held at the Sawmill on Thursday, February 8, at 6 p.m.

The 2001 Sawmill Medallion Hunt will be officially over when the 10 successful hunters receive their prizes at the awards banquet on Thursday, February 8, at 6 p.m. at the Sawmill.

The following is a list of clues that have been released up to this point:

1. "To all you old hunters, we now truthfully say, to succeed in this hunt, you will have to pay. Not

in cash terms, most certainly not. But your body sure will, and right on the spot. You know how I work, I run you around, and start at beginning, most certainly sound. So out to the west, you will want to hail, near Lucky and Laura's, on Mason Tract Trail."

2. "History doth show, that gold can be found, just get out and walk, 100 paces about. Start from the lot, and move like a snail, and there on old log, on right side of trail. Oh! Did I mention, the place you should be? Is Mason Tract Trail, and old cross country? Find yourself lost? Don't stand there and moan. Stop and say hi, at Larry and Joan's."

3. "It soon should be clear, if gold to be seen, find ye and be, betwixt and between. The stores to the north, you will surely rally, head to the east, from a store there called Dally's. Off ye now go, and now to the race, but sportsmen please slow, your hook line and pace. Down this long trail, you don't want to mire, before you do go, see Upper Lakes Tire."

4. "See now the gold? Don't be a boar, head off to east, from Whistle Stop Store. Look for a sign, and please do not pass, 7 feet high, is white covered grass. Still hopelessly lost, I'm 'tween the stores, way south and down, from NAPA by Moore's. On north side of road, you might stop and hear, the sound of Great Motor's, from motors by Scheer."

5. "Well now we will go, to the north cause your bored, of missing it all, HEY!! Mr. Deward. Before you head out, you should stop and see, the fine young couple at North End Grocery. They can't tell you much, the 78 few, heading out China West, going past the Swamp Two."

6. "If now to the south, you now find shall be, near Cameron Bridge Road, and Road Manistee. There is an old sign, and birds shall you sing, of motorized use, and wildlife viewing. Stumped are you now, but still want to win? Stop and say hi, at old Frederic Inn. If that ain't enough, you'll cross country hail, to

Pineview Surplus, and supply on Long Trail."

7. "Last but not least, and gold you shall rest, on County Road 612, and Maple Forest. We'll throw you a curve, but before you are fed, stop in and rent, a sled from Sledheads. Just a couple more days, and gold you shall see, just stay to the west, of J. Dap Company."

8. "Look south of Briggs Road, on 612 don't pass, is small piece of gold, made out of brass. We sure are so good, and won't give no lip, there is a sign there, say's Maple Township. But now might we add, an oil and lube, from old Grayling Ford, and 3 foot white tube."

9. "By now you should see, the key to this yarn, leaves no stone unturned, from Grayling Red Barn. Look for a barber, near Riverside Shop, the right loop is there, on sled you should hop. Be first to the table, don't sit on your rear, to find the right site, see Riverland Gear."

10. "Even the meek, shall go to this seven, come on and get, to site called eleven. At Keystone Campground, don't stop and see Mable, just look all around, and under a table. Get there right now, then get out and trape, after you stop, at ole' Bloomin' Grape. Eleven's this site, get out the mailers, before you see folk, at yon Gold Star trailers."

11. "Ahhhh to the north, don't stop to taunt, just get out and eat, at Lovells Restaurant. Walsh Road and boondocks, you might want to see, after a visit, to Caid's Grocery. Then back to the south, to shift all them gears, you might want to stop, at store there called Sears."

12. "Pizza the Hut, is the place to win, just stay to the west, of Holiday Inn. But small gold is big, just go and ask Mavis, at Jewelers on main street, and store there called Davis. They have those green diamonds, or so it is told, so its back to 612, just north of Walsh Road."

13. "Icehouse Quilt Shop, is quite near this pot, just look all around, near nine one one lot. At trees oh so green, and look just so rosie, looks like they came, from Flowers by

Josie. See there it is, you just have to stare, at something they call, Grayling Auto Repair. Tred lightly you pass, and strength you must muster, after looking at video's, at Grayling Blockbuster."

14. "Can you now forgive me, I made a mistake. The nine one one parking, will not be your take. Parking lot south, on north side of River, near Canoers' Memorial, and don't eat the liver. It's in something green, but please take the kids, out west and see Mark, at Timber Rapids."

15. "Now you will think, you might want to sneeze, stop and get pizza, at place called Buccilli's. Ski out to the hills, and across the pond, is small gold but see, the Boards and Beyond. After heading out west, but before you hop, say hi to Jack, at Skip's Sport Shop. So few days are left, and this is no lark, go past this sign, and please leave no mark."

16. "In case you don't know, Chief Shoppenagons was here, playing some softball, on diamonds so near. He dugout a canoe, Hanson Hills of white, took a snow shovel and pole, again we say, on your trip way out west, stop at Subway."

17. "Comfort Center is nice, but Jonnie come lately, you now need to go, way out to Trail Wakeley. Stock up on food, for now you will see, a round thing of pizza, from place of B.C. You'll take a long hike, going down that long trail, using parts from Carquest, you won't be a snail. Just two two five paces, and down on the right, is something that waits you, oh what a sight."

18. "Now I would guess, and I promise to wheeze, but not after pasties, from place of Albies. You now should be on, the Wakeley Lake Trail, for golly bygosh, small gold you will hail. Did I say right, I made a mistake, its left you should look, small gold you will take. Now I will say, and now you will see, a green tube that's there, for small daily fee. But wait, it's not Wakeley's you'll find rest, but somewhere near here, and it is not west."

19. "On many days past, we have led you astray, but now please return, to the very first day. Take all past clues, and put em together, for now you will need some boots made of leather. You finally should be, and canoe there around, some place for a tent, and maybe campground. There is a memorial, and if your named Jason, go forth in spirit, of George W. Mason."

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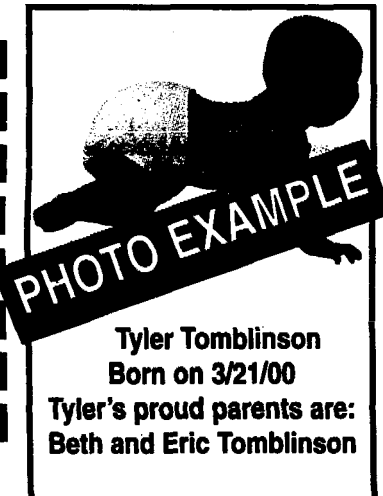
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## First Lady invited to library grand opening in 2002

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 our new library." The First Lady is a former librarian and the Library Board is hopeful she will attend.

Also included in the letter is a little background on the county library issue and some local demographics. Greene also wrote, "I do understand scheduling commitments, therefore, we could easily move our Grand Opening day to accommodate your schedule."

Ground breaking and construction of the new library is scheduled for April 15 at the site near the AuSable Primary School.



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JV basketball 2B

## 9th grade team wins 5th straight game

► Freshman team moves to 9-4 with a streak of five consecutive wins

Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team has been playing some good basketball. The Vikings have won five straight games, including recent wins over Mio, Kalkaska, Pinconning, and Oscoda, to improve the squad's season record to a solid 9-4.

On Thursday, February 1, the Vikings defeated the Mio Thunderbolts at Mio 69-32.

Greg Morrill, who played with the JV team for the first half of the season, led the Vikings with 19 points and eight rebounds. Chad Helsel scored 16 and John Anderson added 13. Travis Gildner and Anderson each finished with five rebounds.

(Joe Lange, one of the freshman team's biggest threats on offense and on the boards, has been elevated to the JV team.)

"Defensively, we were very sharp tonight," said Coach Duane VanDrese. "We gave up six and eight points in the third and fourth quarters. We created a lot of problems for them. Offensively, we missed a lot of lay-ups and converted only 12 of 26 free throws."

"The biggest plus for us throughout our five-game winning streak is the amount of energy and effort that we're playing with," said Coach VanDrese.

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See "9TH GRADE TEAM..."

## 8th grade team posts 8-2 regular season

► GMS Vikings win 7th and 8th games; only two losses were in OT

Grayling Middle School's 8th grade (white) boys basketball team finished its regular season at 8-2 with recent wins over the Roscommon Bucks and Gaylord Blue Devils.

On Monday, January 29, the Vikings won their eighth game of the season with a 33-15 victory over the Bucks of Roscommon at Rosco.

"The Roscommon team is better than the score indicates," said Coach Gary Summers. "They looked very good at times, but we just dug in and out-hustled them. It's a great team effort when eight players score."

Leading scorers for GMS were: D.J. Metzger (9), Tyler Cragg (6), Matt Swope (6), Josh Millikin (4), and Russ Peters (3). Alex McNamara, Kyle Trudgeon, and T.J. Luke also scored for Grayling. As a team, the Vikings shot 7/11 at the free throw line.

On January 24, the Vikings defeated the Gaylord Blue Devils 31-23 at Gaylord.

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See "8TH GRADE TEAM..."

## VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

# Vikings pay back Blazers

## Loss to Kalkaska avenged with 15-point win

► Grayling defeats Bay City Bobcats on Friday for one more league victory

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

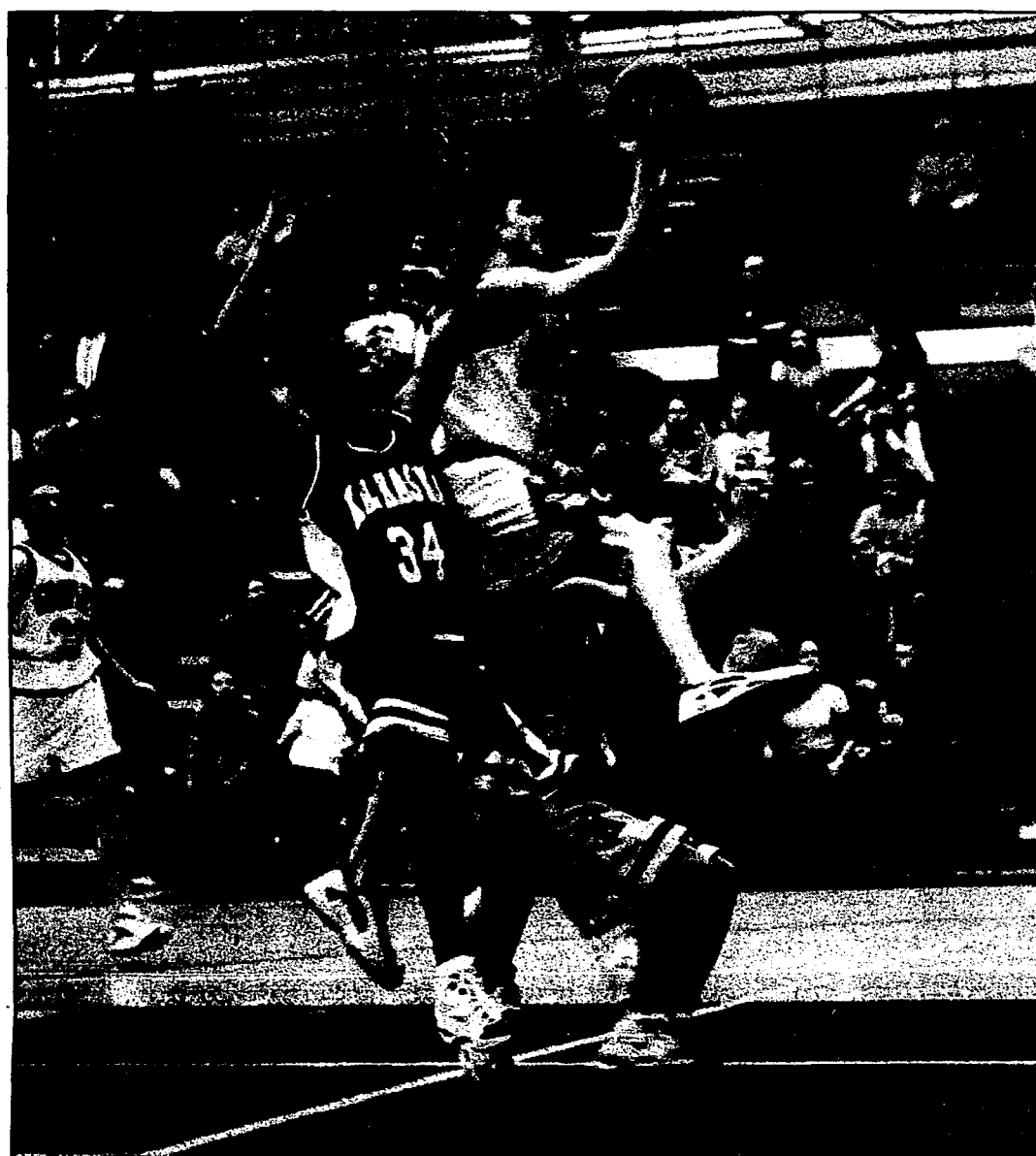
The GHS varsity boys basketball team avenged an early season loss to Kalkaska with a 75-60 victory over the visiting Blue Blazers last Tuesday. On Friday, the Vikings added one more win to their conference record, defeating Bay City John Glenn on the road 65-61, to remain in second place in the league race.

Against Kalkaska on Tuesday, the Vikings started out strong and maintained a steady offensive and defensive attack.

In the first quarter, Grayling worked hard on defense and on the defensive glass, while shooting and passing well at the offensive end of the court. The period featured a lot of offense, and the score ended up locked at 21-21 after the first eight minutes of play.

The Vikings scored points on (in order) a three-point play by Brad Gorski, a jump shot by Levi Burkett, a lay-up by Marcus Marelich on an assist from Marcus Bobenmoyer, two free throws by Burkett, a shot inside by Dan Mead assisted by Burkett, a jumper by Marelich assisted by Mead, a coast-to-coast lay-up and a jumper by Burkett, and a jump shot and a shot inside by R.J. Schmidt.

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See "VIKINGS PAY BACK..."



Levi Burkett drives between two Kalkaska defenders in last Tuesday's game.

Photo by Caleb Casey

## VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM

# Late pins clinch Grayling win

## Vikings defeat Houghton Lake, fall to Tawas

► Vikes overcome three forfeits to defeat the Bobcats of Houghton Lake

The Grayling High School wrestling team defeated the Houghton Lake Bobcats 46-30 in Grayling last Thursday, but lost to the visiting Braves of Tawas in a double dual meet.

Tawas and Houghton Lake wrestled first. The Braves won 52-24.

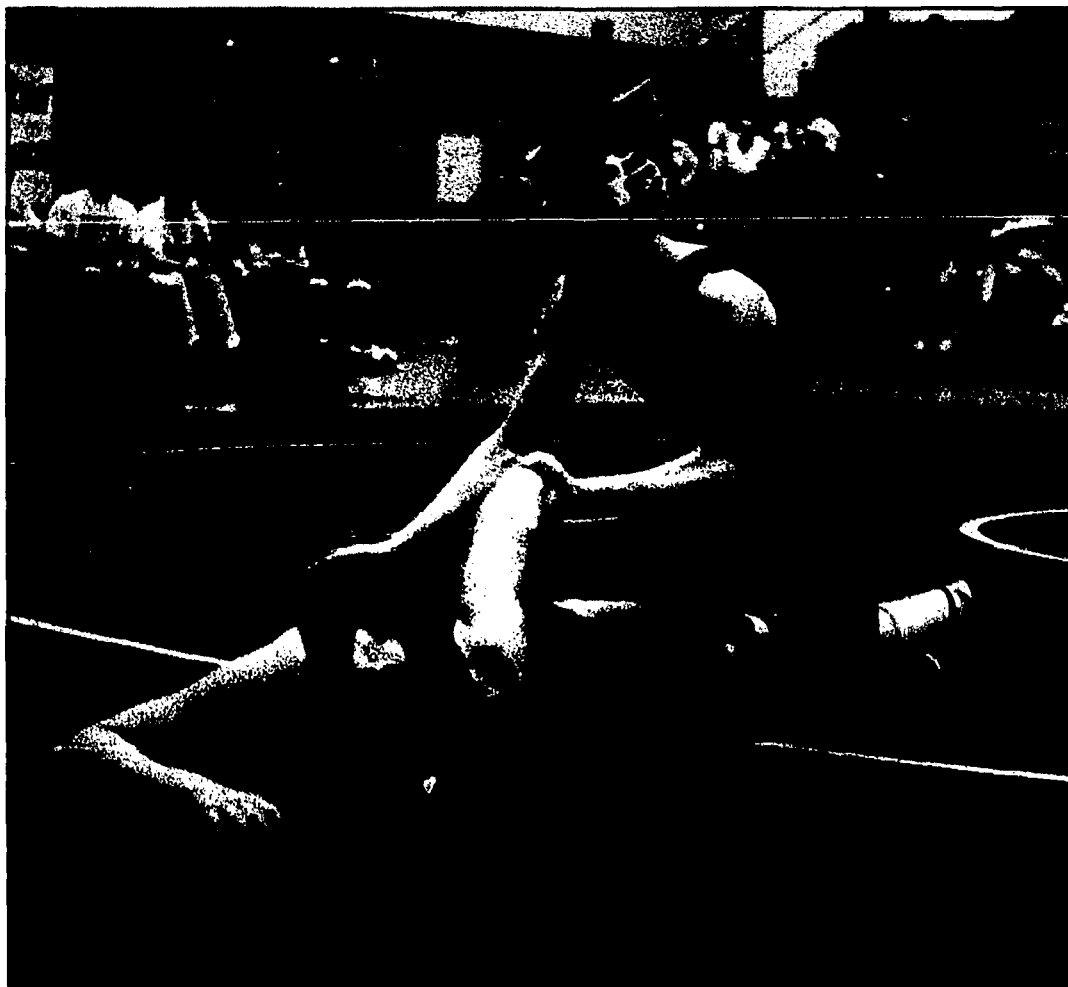
The Vikings then faced off against the Braves.

In JV action, Jessie Mooneyham (140) defeated his Tawas opponent 11-2 by decision.

For the varsity squad, Adam Malone (112) pinned his Tawas counterpart 37 seconds into the first round. Tom Barnett (125) defeated his opponent by decision, 9-7. Andy Palmer (130) won his match with a 9-6 decision. Brandon Pratt (152) came away with a 6-3 win by decision. Chris Peters (171) pinned his opponent in the first round.

Tawas won the three heaviest weight classes, three other weight divisions, and won two classes (135 and 160) by forfeit, defeating Grayling 39-21. The Vikings were 5-6 in contested matches.

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See "LATE PINS CLINCH..."



Tom Barnett (125) works the arm of his Tawas opponent in last Thursday's meet. Barnett won the match by decision, 9-7.

Photo by Caleb Casey

## Winter festival to be held this weekend

► Chili Cook-off, Downhill Canoe Races, Poker Run among events

Grayling's annual winter festival, now known as "Winter Fun Days," will be held this weekend at Hanson Hills and other area locations.

The 2001 Sawmill Medallion Hunt, an event leading up to the festival, will culminate with the awards dinner at the Sawmill at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 8.

On the evening of Friday, February 9, Winter Fun Days will kick off at Hanson Hills with Business After Hours and the Downhill Canoe Race preliminaries. (Business After Hours will be held outside if weather permits.) Grayling High School's Ski Team Torch Parade is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday.

Saturday will feature a full day of Winter Fun Days events, including:

- 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Lumber Jack Breakfast at the Hanson Hills Main Lodge;
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - GUDA Poker Run in uptown Grayling, starting at J. Dap (118 Michigan Avenue);
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - The Icehouse Quilt Shop, a gallery of new quilts and quilting demonstrations;
- 11 a.m. - Rollerblade Competition at the Hanson Hills Indoor Skate Park;
- 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. - AuSable Valley Snowmobile "Trail Stop" at

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## 8th graders win 8th consecutive game

► Vikings finish regular season with a 48-37 victory over Roscommon Bucks

The GMS 8th grade boys basketball (green) team ended its regular season last week with a 48-37 win on the road against the Bucks of Roscommon.

"It was our best offensive game," said Coach Craig Hofman. "The shot selection was very good and we cut down on our turnovers. We did not do well defensively, but we did play aggressively."

Gib Tobin was the scoring leader for Grayling with 16 points. Ryan Davis finished with eight points, Josh Hinkle scored seven, Ryan Schmidt added six, James Gault had five, Jess Bobenmoyer scored four, and Jason Strohpaul finished with two points.

The 8th grade (green) team lost its first two ball games of the season, then rallied to win the next eight matches, finishing the regular season at a respectable 8-2.

The Vikings lost only to West Branch Surline and the Houghton Lake Bobcats.

The Vikings will head into tournament play this week with an eight-game winning streak.

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## IV basketball team falls to Kalkaska

► Vikings make a few runs, but the Blazers of Kalkaska win the game by 11

by Caleb Casey  
 Staff Writer

Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team fell to the visiting Blazers of Kalkaska last week by a final score of 70-59. The Vikings stayed within striking distance the whole game, but couldn't quite make up enough ground to take the win.

KHS led 10-8 after a low scoring first quarter. Joe Zelek, Joe Lange, and Roy Czapek played well on the defensive boards to limit Kalkaska's offensive opportunities, but the Blazers disrupted Grayling's offense with full court pressure defense. The Vikings had trouble breaking

Kalkaska's press all night.

GHS scored first quarter points on free throws by Brett Mead and Lange, a drive by Czapek, a shot inside by Czapek on an in-bounds pass by Zelek, and a drive by Lange.

Grayling handled Kalkaska's press better in the first half of the second quarter, and tied the game at 16-16 with 5:27 left in the period on a jumper by Zelek.

The Blazers scored a three-point play, then Chris Wakeley drove to the basket for two to pull GHS within one. Kalkaska outscored Grayling 14-3 for the rest of the half to take a 33-21 into the locker room at the halftime break.

KHS scored first in the second half. Grayling answered with a drive by Zelek. The Blazers hit a triple to take a 38-23 lead.

The Vikings then scored eight unanswered points to quickly get back in the game. The run included a drive by Czapek, a put-back by Lange, a lay-up by Mead, and a shot inside by Lange.

Kalkaska broke the unanswered streak at the 5:12 mark. A three-point play by Lange and a fast break lay-up by Mead pulled GHS within four, 40-36.

The Blazers outscored Grayling 8-2 for the rest of the third quarter to take a 10-point lead into the fourth period, 48-38.

Kalkaska opened the fourth quarter with a triple. The Vikings scored eight unanswered points on three drives to the basket by Wakeley and a jumper by Czapek to cut Kalkaska's lead to five, 51-46, with about six minutes to play.

A triple by Kalkaska put the Blazers up 56-48 with 5:05 remaining. A lay-up by Zelek following a steal under the basket brought Grayling back within six, 56-50.

Kalkaska put the heat back on Grayling with full court pressure defense and scored six unanswered points, taking a 12-point lead with about three minutes to play.

The Vikings were forced to start fouling to stop the clock, and couldn't put together another run. Kalkaska won the game 70-59.

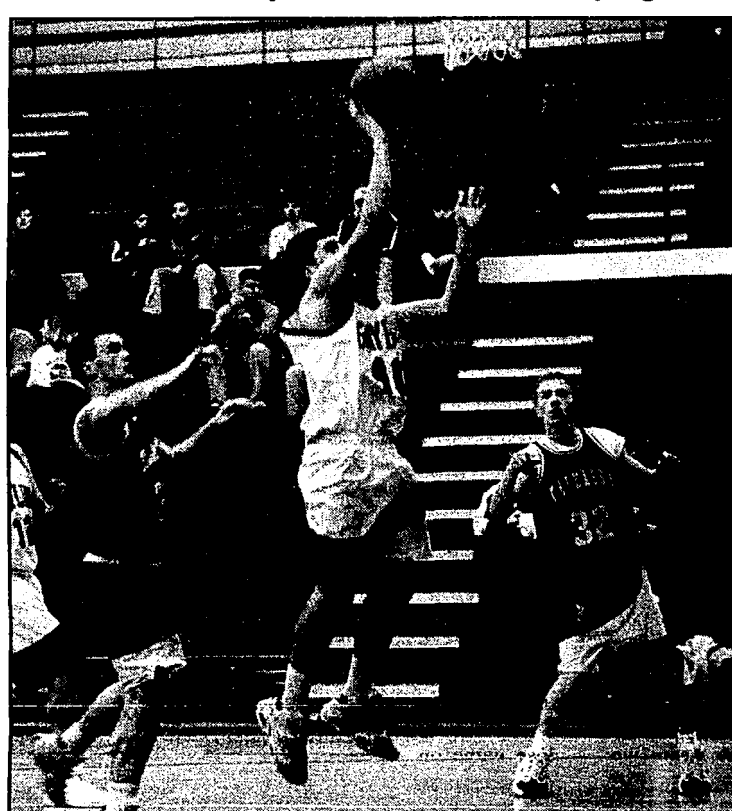
Leading scorer for Grayling was Czapek with 17. Lange added 14. Wakeley scored 11, Zelek finished with nine, and Mead had eight.

On Friday, February 9, the Vikings will host Pinconning at 6:15 p.m.

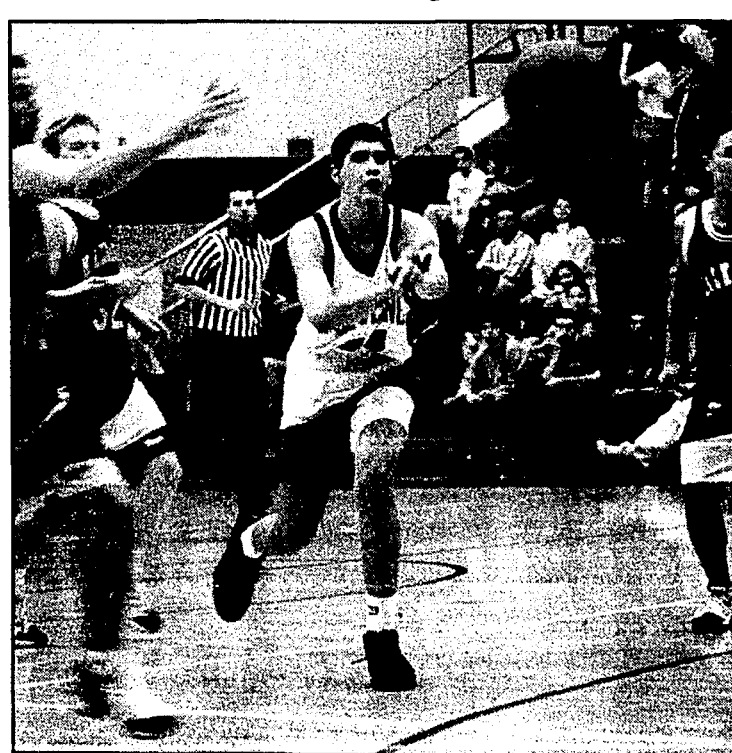


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Guard Chris Wakeley controls the ball for Grayling.



Brett Mead drives to the basket against Kalkaska.



Joe Lange passes to an open teammate.

## 8th grade team posts 8-2 regular season

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Metzer led the Vikings with 12 points. Millikin (5), Cragg (4), Peters (4) and Swope (2) also scored for the Grayling team.

"This was a game the team really wanted to win," said Coach Summers. "They did it with a fine defensive effort. Grayling's team was quick with good size, but we out-hustled them. Their top scorer from the last meeting had 17 points at our gym. Tonight, we shut him out."

On January 22, the Vikings suffered their second loss of the season, a 36-35 overtime defeat at the hands of the visiting Kalkaska Blazers.

"Our offense struggled the whole game," said Coach Summers. "We

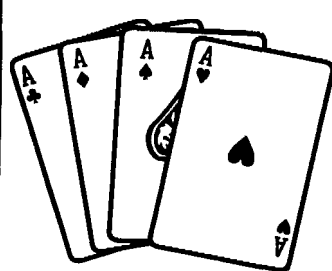
beat them at their gym by containing their 6'3" center, but he played well by controlling the boards. Just one of those nights. The guys never gave up, they always give 100 percent."

Metzer and Swope each scored 10 points in the Kalkaska game. Peters (8), Cragg (3), and Tim Umlor (2) also scored for Grayling.

The only two games the Vikings have lost so far this season have been in OT. The Vikings have ended the regular season with a solid 8-2 win/loss record.

Next week, Grayling will compete in the Roscommon Tournament.

"We want to end a great season with a tournament victory," said Coach Summers.



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# GHS skiers take 2nd in two invitationals

► Viking boys finish at runner-up spot in Flushing, Mt. Pleasant invites

In three recent invitational ski meets, the GHS boys skiers placed second twice and third once.

On Saturday, February 3, the Vikings took 2nd out of seven teams at the Flushing Invitational, held at Treetops Resorts. Grayling finished ahead of Flushing, Inland Lakes, Clare, Benzie Central, and Bellaire, but lost to Gaylord.

"The boys skied well for the most part, but we just don't have the depth of racers that Gaylord has at this time," said Coach Mike Wieland.

The Vikings took top honors in the giant slalom (GS) with a 1st and 2nd by Matt Ginther and Paul Jansen. Ginther placed 3rd in slalom and Jansen took 6th. Derek Quick was 14th in slalom and 19th in GS. Keil Clough placed 18th in slalom and 30th in GS. Ben McNally placed 24th in both events. Eric Hart was 23rd in slalom and Eric Hunter took 27th in GS.

The GHS girls team finished in 7th place. The squad did not have one of its better days, as most racers had problems in one race or the other.

Kelly Jansen was the top racer for the Grayling girls with a 29th in slalom and 16th in GS. Andria Alvarez took 24th in slalom and 29th in GS. Lesley Gilbert placed 30th in slalom and 26th in GS. Heather Vandecar disqualified in slalom and placed 37th in GS. Shalee Cox finished 38th and 39th.

On Friday, February 2, the Vikings competed against nine other boys teams and eight other girls teams in Mt. Pleasant's Bryan Langlois Memorial Invitational at Silver Ridge. The Vikings placed 2nd in the boys competition behind only the host Mt. Pleasant team, and the GHS girls took 5th behind Mt. Pleasant, Benzie Central, Clare, and Mt. Pleasant's "B" team.

The top skier for the Grayling girls, and lone medal winner, was Kelly Jansen. Jansen placed 10th in slalom out of 52 girls, and took 16th in GS. Vandecar took 23rd in slalom and 31st in GS; Alvarez finished 31st and 27th; Gilbert was 30th and 46th; and Cox placed 45th (slalom)

and 51st (GS).

In the boys competition, the Vikings were in 3rd place after GS, then came back to finish 2nd with a good showing in slalom.

Top skier for the Grayling boys was Ginther, who placed 4th in slalom and 2nd in GS. Paul Jansen took 5th in both races. Clough finished 16th in slalom and 22nd in GS. McNally was 23rd in slalom and 36th in GS. Quick placed 15th in GS and disqualified in slalom. Hart was 27th in slalom and Hunter placed 30th in GS.

On Saturday, January 27, the Vikings traveled to Boyne Mountain to ski against five other teams, four of which were in the State Finals last season.

"The skiers change some, but the schools still put out tough teams on an annual basis," said Coach Wieland.

In the boys competition, Charlevoix, East Jordan, and Boyne City, all of which train at Boyne, placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Grayling was 4th; Detroit Country Day and Detroit Cranbrook finished 5th and 6th. The Vikings were 3rd in slalom and 4th in GS.

Top racers for Grayling were:

Ginther, 4th in slalom, 2nd in GS; Quick, 13th in slalom, 20th in GS; Paul Jansen, 18th and 19th; McNally, 31st and 26th; Clough, 12th in slalom, disqualified in GS; Hart, 23rd in slalom; and Hunter, 23rd in GS.

The girls competition was won by Boyne City with Cranbrook, Detroit Country Day, and East Jordan defeating the Vikings.

Top skiers for Grayling were Alvarez, 14th in slalom, and Gilbert, 17th in GS. Alvarez disqualified in GS and Gilbert took 23rd in slalom. Vandecar placed 18th in GS and 20th in slalom. Cox was 21st in GS and disqualified in slalom. Kelly Jansen missed the meet due to illness.

The Vikings have three home meets coming up, all to be held at Hanson Hills starting at 3 p.m.: Thursday, February 8; Monday, February 12; and Tuesday, February 13.

## 9th grade team wins 5th straight game

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The freshman team won a lopsided victory over the Kalkaska Blazers in Grayling on January 29. The Vikings scored an impressive 83 points to Kalkaska's 32.

"It was one of those nights where everything seemed to click," said Coach VanDrese. "We were relentless. Our intensity and effort were outstanding. We saw tonight how good we can be when we play four quarters of basketball at a high level. We were outstanding from the line, 17 of 20. It was a great effort by the kids."

Gildner had a great night on offense, scoring 26 points for the Vikings. Anderson added 13, Helsel scored 11, and Tyler Knapp finished with 10.

The team won a close game on the road at Pinconning on January 25 by a final score of 62-58.

Gildner posted a double-double with 32 points and 11 rebounds. Anderson scored 15 in the match.

"We learned how to win tonight," said Coach VanDrese. "We played a team that we had beaten by 30 earlier in the year and probably took them for granted a bit. They've improved a lot and we were lucky to win. We made plays when we had to. We have to get better defensively, but I think we will. We had some lapses and gave up some easy shots."

On January 22, the Vikings scored 72 points to Oscoda's 61 to come away with the victory at home.

Gildner had another solid performance on offense with 23 to lead four players in double digits. Helsel scored 18, Knapp added 13, and Phil Armstrong finished with 12. Lange had 16 rebounds and Gildner

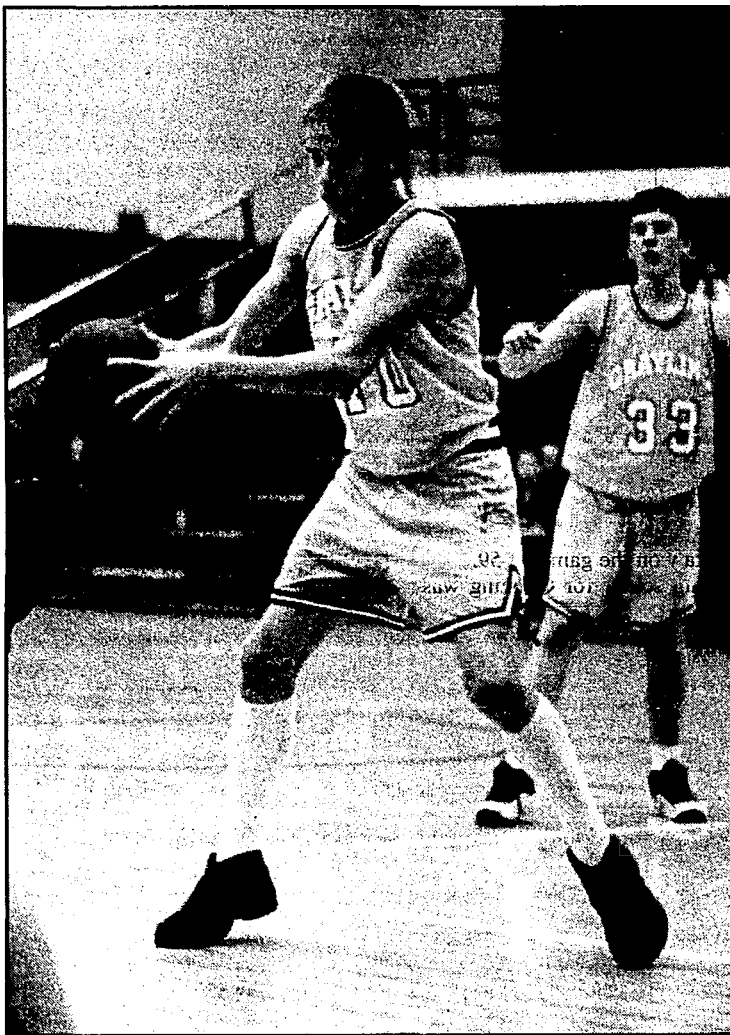


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Travis Gildner handles the ball for Grayling. Gildner has scored 26, 32, and 23 points in recent games.

brought down 11 boards.

"This was probably our most complete game of the year," said Coach VanDrese. "We got out and ran the floor really well. We were able to take advantage of our quickness. Also, we were aggressive

going to the basket, getting to the line 39 times, hitting 23. A good effort."

On Thursday, February 8, the team will host the Falcons of West Branch Ogema Heights at 6:15 p.m.

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# Vikings pay back Kalkaska

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The Vikings started to pull away in the second quarter on the strength of a 16-1 scoring run.

Kalkaska took a 26-22 lead early in the period on a tip-in and a triple. After a timeout, the Vikings went on a 16-1 tear that included a jumper by Burkett; free throws by Mead, Gorski, and Schmidt; a jump shot by Marelich; a fast break lay-up by Mead; a jumper by Gorski; and a jump shot by Schmidt.

The Vikings led 42-31 at halftime. Compared to the first two quarters, the third period was a low-scoring eight minutes of play. Grayling edged the Blazers 14-12 in the third quarter to take a 13-point advantage into the final eight-minute period.

Third quarter highlights for Grayling included a three-point play by Burkett and a triple by Schmidt.

Grayling opened the fourth quarter with a triple by Bobenmoyer. Kalkaska scored four points on a tip-in and two free throws. GHS answered with a 6-0 run on a shot inside by Bobenmoyer, a lay-up by Burkett, and a shot inside by Gorski on a nice in-bounds pass by Burkett.

With 2:15 left in the game, Mead converted a three-point play opportunity to put Grayling up by 18, 72-54.

The Vikings won the game by 15 points, 75-60.

"I was very pleased with the character that our kids showed on the court," said Coach Rich Moffit. "Mental toughness, strong work ethic, teamwork, hustle, and heart were shown tonight. Our kids are

## North East Michigan Conference

### VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

team	league	overall
Tawas	8-0	13-0
GRAYLING	7-2	9-4
Ogemaw Heights	7-2	7-5
Gladwin	6-3	7-5
BC John Glenn	3-5	5-8
Standish Sterling	2-7	3-9
Oscoda	2-7	3-10
Pinconning	0-9	2-11

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improving and it is because of their 'winning attitude' on and off the court."

Leading scorers for Grayling in the Kalkaska match were: Burkett (18), Gorski (15), Schmidt (15), Bobenmoyer (11), Marelich (8), and Mead (8). Gorski posted a double-double, finishing with 14 assists in addition to his 15 points. Marelich led the team in rebounds with eight.

On Friday, the Vikings won a tough road match with Bay City John Glenn 65-61 at Bay City.

"We struggled offensively throughout the game," said Coach Moffit. "Our kids showed some toughness and grit at the end of the game by making some key plays."

Grayling scored 27 points in the fourth quarter, and had only one turnover in the final eight-minute period.

Over the course of the entire game, the Vikings shot 34 percent from two-point range, 29 percent



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Marcus Bobenmoyer goes up for a shot against Kalkaska.

from three-point land, and 56 percent at the free throw line, compared to 56 percent (two), 25 percent (three), and 76 percent (free throw) in Tuesday's victory over Kalkaska.

Gorski was the leading scorer for Grayling in the Bay City game with 21 points. Bobenmoyer scored 14, and Burkett added 13 points. Marelich was the leading rebounder with eight, and Gorski led the team in assists with nine. Bobenmoyer chalked up four blocked shots in the game.

The win over the Bobcats of John Glenn improved Grayling's conference record to 7-2 (9-4 overall). The Vikings are still tied with the Falcons of Ogemaw Heights for second place in the North East Michigan Conference. Gladwin (6-3) dropped to third after a loss to Ogemaw last week. Tawas is still unbeaten in the NEMC at 8-0 (13-0 overall).

The Vikings will take on the Flying G's of Gladwin in Grayling on Friday, February 9. On Tuesday, February 13, the Vikings will host the Pinconning Spartans. Grayling will play at West Branch on Friday, February 16.

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## GHS varsity boys basketball team vs. Kalkaska 1/30

Player	2 pt.	3 pt.	f.t.	asst.	rebs.	tips	stls.	t.o.	blks.	pts.
Gorski	4/9	0/3	7/9	14	5	6	6	3	-	15
Burkett	7/11	0/2	4/5	4	5	6	2	4	1	18
Marelich	4/5	-	0/1	1	8	5	-	-	-	8
Bobenmoyer	4/9	1/1	-	3	5	3	-	1	-	11
Youngblood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golnick	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Mead	3/7	-	2/3	1	6	2	2	2	-	8
Mahaffy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graube	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schmidt	3/4	1/2	6/8	2	-	4	1	3	1	15
Fox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baynham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D'Amour	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Latussek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swope	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	25/45	2/8	19/25	25	31	27	12	14	2	75

KEY: 2 pt.=two-point shots/attempts 3 pt.=three-point shots/attempts f.t.=free throws/attempts asst.=assists rebs.=rebounds tips=tips stls.=steals t.o.=turnovers blks.=blocks pts.=points (total)

## GHS varsity boys basketball team vs. Bay City 2/2

Player	2 pt.	3 pt.	f.t.	asst.	rebs.	tips	stls.	t.o.	blks.	pts.
Gorski	6/14	0/2	9/13	9	6	10	6	3	-	21
Burkett	5/18	0/1	3/4	1	1	2	3	2	-	13
Marelich	1/7	-	1/4	3	8	3	2	3	-	3
Bobenmoyer	4/10	1/3	3/4	1	5	3	2	1	4	14
Youngblood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golnick	2/2	-	2/5	1	5	7	1	-	-	6
Mead	0/1	-	0/2	-	3	4	2	1	-	-
Mahaffy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graube	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schmidt	2/5	1/1	-	-	3	10	1	5	-	7
Fox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baynham	0/1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
D'Amour	-	-	1/2	2	1	2	-	1	-	1
Latussek	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Swope	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	20/58	2/7	19/34	17	32	43	17	16	4	65

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# Late pins clinch Grayling win

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Grayling then competed against Houghton Lake in the final match-up of the night.

Mooneyham (140) again won in JV action, defeating his Bobcat opponent with a pin in the third round.

In varsity matches, Malone (112) won the meet's first contested battle by decision 17-6. Palmer (125) scored a pin in the first round of his bout. Darryl Babbitt (140) won by decision 6-1. Dusty Partello (145) pinned his opponent in the third round. Pratt (152) scored an 11-0 win by decision (worth four points) to pull GHS within one point of Houghton Lake's lead, 24-23.

Grayling forfeited the 160-pound weight class, and Peters (171) won by forfeit, leaving HL's lead at one with CdeBaca (189) coming into the ring.

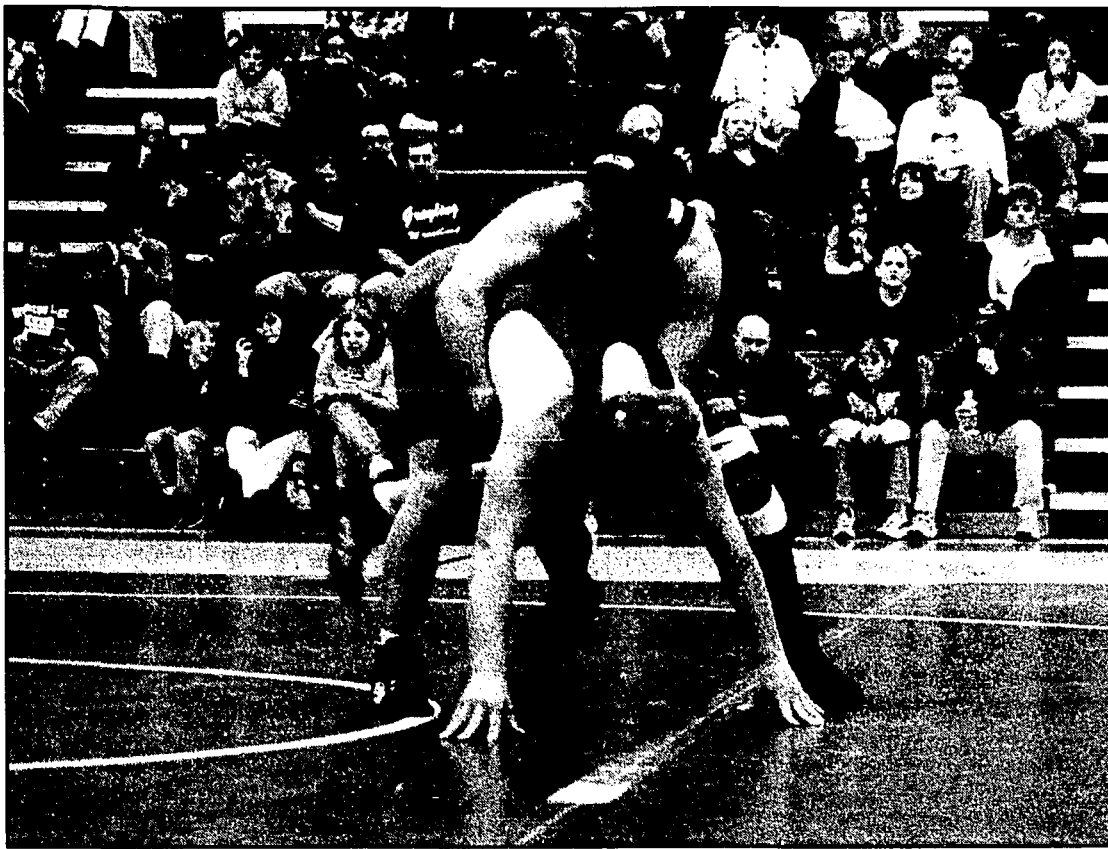
CdeBaca won in the third round by decision 20-4, worth five team points, to put Grayling up 34-30 with just two weight classes to go.

With Grayling up by four, the Vikings needed a win in the next match to clinch the meet victory. Three for a decision would do just as well as a pin (six points), since only one weight class would remain and the most HL could make up was six points.

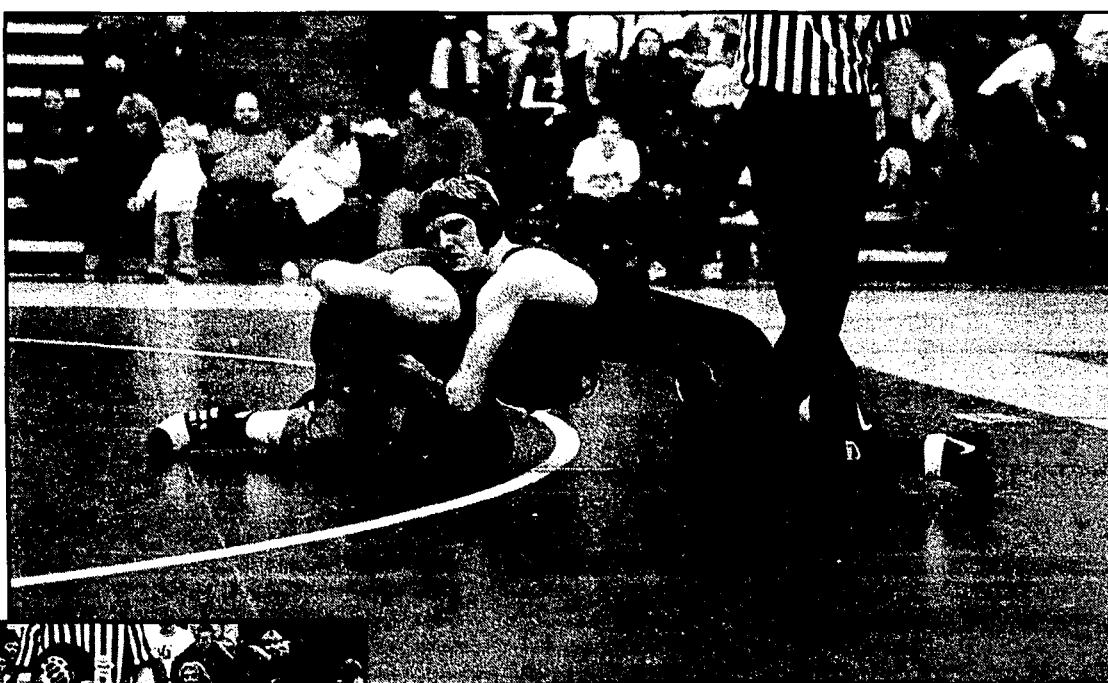
Alfred Borchers (215) pinned his opponent in the second round, causing an eruption of applause from the Vikings, GHS coaches, and Viking fans. Aaron Rosecrans (275) then added to Grayling's team point tally in the winning effort with a first-round pin of his HL counterpart.

Grayling won 46-30 despite having to forfeit three weight classes (103, 135, and 160). The Vikes were 9-2 in contested varsity matches against Houghton Lake.

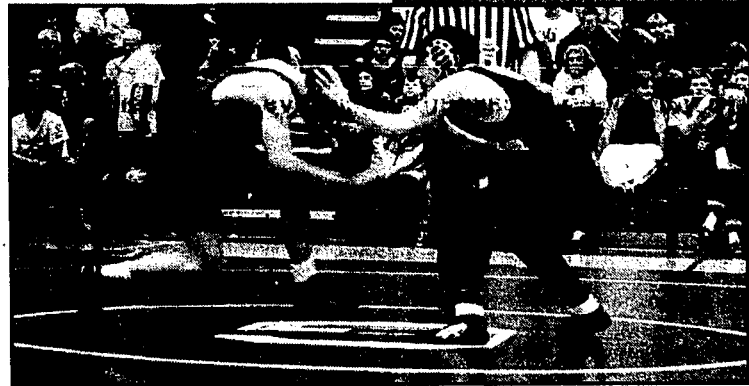
The team will compete in the North East Michigan Conference meet at Gladwin this Saturday.



Victor CdeBaca (189) works against a Tawas opponent in last Thursday's meet.



Photos by Caleb Casey  
(Above) Andy Palmer (130) wrestles against Tawas. Palmer won the match by decision 9-6. (Left) Jessie Mooneyham (right) squares off with an opponent. Mooneyham (140) won two JV matches last week.



## GMS WRESTLING

On Saturday, February 3, the Grayling Middle School wrestling team opened its season with a meet at Meridian.

Placing for Grayling were: 1st - Jeff Harwood, Josh Partello, Joe Ferrigan, James Walker, Joel Wilson, and Zach Wegner; 2nd - Kevin Elkins, Brady Ward; 3rd - Brian Borchers, Jesse CdeBaca; 4th - Jeff Bancroft, Corey Metzger, Tony Paris, Justin Robinson.

The team will travel to West Branch on February 10. Wrestling will begin at about 10 a.m.

## GRA WRESTLING

The Grayling Recreation Authority wrestling team opened its 2001 season with competition at Meridian on Saturday, February 3.

Grayling placements included: 1st - Zach Wolcott, Trent Larm, Ben Brown; 2nd - Daniel DuVall, Andy Wyman, Eric Madill, Andy Moss;

3rd - Chanajee Swander, Austin Harris, Doug Gothro, Daniel CdeBaca, Stephen Grove, Cody Malone; 4th - William Fowler, Shane Grove.

The team will compete at West Branch on February 10, beginning at about 10 a.m.

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Call the number above to see if you or a loved one qualify for this wonderful service!

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Cheesy Potatoes	Cheesy Potatoes
Gourmet Beans Tossed with Red Peppers	Gourmet Beans Tossed with Red Peppers
Salad Bar	Salad Bar
Rolls and Butter	Rolls and Butter
<b>\$14.95</b>	<b>\$12.95</b>

Both Meals are Complimented by a Valentine Dessert

Crème Puff Filled with Strawberry Ice Cream and Topped with Raspberry & Chocolate Sauces

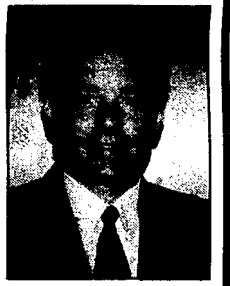
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Dinner 7:00 Show 8:30  
**\$19.95**

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**Q. I'M TAKING NATURAL VITAMINS BUT THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE WORKING?**  
**A. YOUR VITAMINS ARE NOT NATURAL AND THEY MAY BE SLOWLY KILLING YOU.**

Sounds strange, doesn't it. Unfortunately, the truth is, supplements which the vast majority of people buy in stores, strongly encouraged by those who really don't know any better and marketed by profit and hype can do more harm than good. The problem lies in the fact that most supplements are produced chemically as a single chemical or element, artificially, and devoid of the combined effect of the vitamin complex as it is found in nature. Only vitamins that are produced from living plants can yield all the necessary combinations of nutrients, enzymes, coenzymes, antioxidants, amino acids and trace minerals found in the organic state. What is purchased in stores are lifeless, incomplete (fractionated) chemicals that are no longer capable of inducing its normal metabolic effect and function. Science cannot make a carrot. Hence, taking chemically pure parts of what exists in nature can and does yield a serious and progressive imbalance of vitamins which is worse than a deficiency. When you consume single (chemical) parts, your body must metabolize such parts as a (living) whole by using up any storage available to do so creating a true deficiency of what you desired to stop to begin with.

**A STEERING WHEEL AND YOUR SEAT ARE PARTS OF A CAR BUT WITHOUT THE ENTIRE COMPLEX OF THE CAR YOU HAVE NOTHING COMPLETE, FUNCTIONAL OR BENEFICIAL. MOREOVER, HAVING EVEN ALL THE PARTS OF A CAR IN A HEAP ON THE FLOOR DOES NOT MAKE IT A WORKING CAR.**

- SYNTHETIC VITAMIN C (ASCORBIC ACID), CAN CAUSE DIARRHEA, INCREASE URINARY OXALATE EXCRETION SO CAUSE KIDNEY STONES, CAUSE EXCESS ABSORPTION OF IRON, ENHANCE ALUMINUM ABSORPTION, AND CAUSE REBOUND SCURVEY. EXCESS INTAKE CAN CAUSE A COPPER DEFICIENCY.
- HIGH DOSES OF SYNTHETIC B VITAMINS LIKE B1 CAN INDUCE IMBALANCES OF OTHER VITAMIN B FRACTIONS AND CONTRIBUTE TO HEART DISEASE AND ARRHYTHMIA'S.
- SYNTHETIC VITAMIN E CAN CAUSE A GAMMA OR OTHER TOCOPHEROL DEFICIENCY WHICH WILL LEAVE YOU MORE PRONE TO CANCER AND HEART DISEASE.
- SYNTHETIC VITAMIN E (ALPHA-TOCOPHEROL), ESPECIALLY IN HIGH DOSES, CAN CAUSE LEACHING OF CALCIUM FROM BONES, CRAMPING IN LEGS, INCREASE THE RISK OF HEMORRHAGIC STROKES, CAUSE EXCESSIVE BLEEDING, HEADACHES, DIZZINESS, BLURRED VISION, NAUSEA, ADVERSE IMMUNE RESPONSES AND A SELENIUM DEFICIENCY.
- SYNTHETIC B6 CAN CAUSE SENSORY NEUROPATHY WITH PAIN, NUMBNESS AND WEAKNESS IN THE LIMBS, NUMBNESS AND TINGLING OF THE HANDS AND FEET, MUSCLE WEAKNESS AND BONE PAIN.
- SYNTHETIC FOLIC ACID CAN CAUSE B12 DEFICIENCY AND CAN CAUSE PROGRESSIVE NEUROLOGICAL DAMAGE IN PEOPLE WITH B12 DEFICIENCY.
- LARGE DOSES OF SYNTHETIC ZINC CAN CAUSE COPPER AND IRON IMBALANCES, CAN IMPAIR FORMATION OF RED BLOOD CELLS AND DEPRESS NORMAL CHOLESTEROL, IMMUNE FUNCTION, AND HEART FUNCTION.
- HIGH DOSES OF SYNTHETIC SELENIUM CAN BE FATAL, CAUSE HAIR LOSS, NAUSEA, GASTROINTESTINAL UPSET, TOOTH AND NAIL PROBLEMS, LIVER AND RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS, AND A VITAMIN E DEFICIENCY.

**SUPPLEMENTATION IS NECESSARY FOR SOME. HOWEVER, GIVE YOUR BODY WHAT IT NEEDS AND WHAT IT WANTS-PLANT SYNTHESIZED, LIVING, COMPLETE NUTRIENTS IN A USABLE FORM FROM CONCENTRATED WHOLE FOOD WHICH CANNOT CAUSE THE VAST AMOUNT OF PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SYNTHETIC VITAMINS. THIS OFFICE OFFERS A COMPLETE LINE OF SUCH.**

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### Vikings of the Week



Derek Quick



Lesley Gilbert

Skiing  
Coach: Mike Wieland  
**DEREK QUICK & LESLEY GILBERT**

Derek placed 3rd on the team in four out of six races last week, helping the Vikings win a runner-up trophy at Mt. Pleasant. Lesley led the Viking girls in the giant slalom race at Boyne Mountain and was 2nd on the team at Treetops.

## ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

IF YOU HAVE DELINQUENT 1999 AND/OR 1997 TAXES ON YOUR PROPERTY IN CRAWFORD (OR ANY OTHER MICHIGAN COUNTY) THE FOLLOWING WILL OCCUR **MARCH 1, 2001**.

- 1) AN AUTOMATIC \$175 TITLE SEARCH FEE WILL BE ADDED TO ANY UNPAID TAX BALANCE.
- 2) INTEREST WILL INCREASE 6% ON 1999 TAXES AND 18% ON 1997 TAXES.
- 3) YOUR PROPERTY WILL BE IN FORECLOSURE
- 4) **AFTER MARCH 1, 2001 YOU WILL HAVE TWELVE MONTHS (12 MONTHS) AND 21 DAYS TO REDEEM YOUR PROPERTY.**
- 5) STARTING APRIL 1, 2001, INTEREST WILL INCREASE AT A RATE OF 1 1/2% PER MONTH - (18% PER YEAR) ON UNPAID 1999 AND 1997 TAXES.
- 6) FAILURE TO REDEEM WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF YOUR PROPERTY.

DO NOT LOSE YOUR PROPERTY!

PAY YOUR TAXES BEFORE 3/1/01  
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8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.  
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Joe Wakeley  
Crawford County Treasurer

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Friday Mixed Doubles

LAR-BEV KFC.....20.5 - 11.5  
Charles Country Corner...20 - 12  
Gray Rock Cafe.....19 - 13  
Double Trouble.....17 - 15  
Aunt Bettys.....15.5 - 16.5  
Moshier Auto Repair.....13 - 19  
C.U.P.S.....12 - 20  
Pick & Sons.....11 - 21  
High Game Men: D. Germain, 232;  
P. Lewsi, 221; R. Hinds, 209.  
High Series Men: D. Germain, 606;  
S. Miller, 541; JC King, 537.  
High Game Women: B. Lozon, 214;  
K. Moshier, 203; D. Medina, 200.  
High Series Women: S. Johnson,  
543; D. Medina, 539; J. Hinds, 536.  
**Northwood**  
Darrell's Roofing.....52.5 - 35.5  
North Michigan Financial...51 - 37  
Pro Tree.....49 - 39  
Plaza Bar.....45.5 - 42.5  
R. Calkins & Sons.....45 - 43  
Curves For Women.....44.5 - 43.5  
R & M Masonry.....38.5 - 49.5

Rose Owen.....26- 62  
High Game: L. Dannenberg, 244; H.  
Larm, 189; D. Calkins, 186.  
High Series: L. Dannenberg, 627;  
M. Starks, 536; D. Elekonich, 512.  
**Sunday Night Mixed**  
Legion Lanes.....27.5 - 7.5  
R & M Masonry.....23 - 12  
Wakeley's Auto Parts.....20 - 15  
Helsel Brother's.....16.5 - 18.5  
Custom Interior.....16 - 19  
Billy's.....14 - 21  
M.I.A.S.....13 - 22  
Waste Management.....10 - 25  
High Game Men: D. Canfield, 234;  
J. Helsel, 225; R. Adkinson, 219.  
High Series Men: J. Helsel, 598; R.  
Adkinson, 577; D. Canfield, 569.  
High Game Women: Y. Schreiber,  
200; M. Starks, 198; J. Hinds, 197.  
High Series Women: J. Hinds, 540;  
M. Miller, 527; Y. Schreiber, 511.

### Recreation

Skyline Ski & C.C.....20 - 8  
Chicken Little Joint Project...19 - 9  
Scheer Motors.....17 - 11  
Cornell.....14.5 - 13.5  
Mark 8.....14 - 14  
Peterson Saw Service.....13 - 15  
Glen's.....10 - 18  
Mickey Perez C.P.A.....4.5 - 23.5  
High Game: V. Balmes, 210; D.  
Mead, 198; P. D'Amour, 197.

High Series: V. Balmes, 558; K.  
Moshier, 524; S. Johnson, 507.

### Pioneer

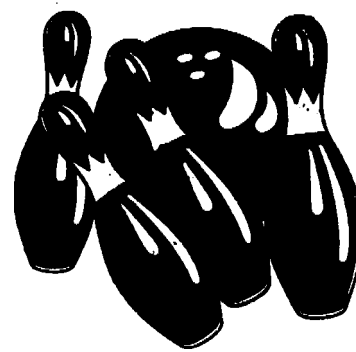
Aunt Betty's.....11 - 5  
Ginger's.....11 - 5  
Chemical Bank.....10 - 6  
Custom Interior.....9 - 7  
Lady Slippers.....8 - 8  
Millikins.....7 - 9  
Avalanche.....5 - 11  
Lucky Strikers.....3 - 13  
High Game: S. Johnson, 219; L.  
Golnick, 204; S. France, 201.  
High Series: S. Johnson, 574; S.  
France, 569; P. Dixon, 523.

### Triangle

G.G.S.....18.5 - 9.5  
Barber Construction.....17 - 11  
Moshier Refrigeration.....16.5 - 11.5  
A-H Rental.....16 - 12  
Gray Rock Cafe.....15 - 13  
Moshier Auto Repair.....13 - 15  
Bancroft Const.....13 - 15  
High Game: J. Hunt, 254 & 249; J.  
Arwood, 248.  
High Series: J. Hunt, 663; J.  
Arwood, 569; D. Canfield, 538.

### American Men's

Moore's Automotive.....24 - 11  
CSI Ind. Systems.....20 - 15  
Sawmill Tavern.....19 - 16  
Helsel Forest Products.....19 - 16  
McLeans ACE.....18 - 17



Forrest Brothers.....16 - 19  
Upper Lakes Tire.....13 - 22  
Fenton's Auto Service.....11 - 24  
High Game: T. Devins, 234; J.  
Thayer, 225 & 224.  
High Series: T. Devins, 624; M.  
Smith, 612; J. Thayer, 609.

### National First

Hart Pontiac-GMC.....19 - 9  
Hellebuyck Masonry.....19 - 9  
Northern Whitetail.....19 - 9  
Legion Lanes.....16 - 12  
Forest Brothers.....11 - 17  
Faustman's Insurance.....10 - 18  
Miller's Production.....9 - 19  
Swamp II.....7 - 21  
High Game: T. Kotrash, 243;  
P. Faustman, 233; M. Barr, 230.  
High Series: T. Kotrash, 666; T.  
Devins, 626; P. Faustman, 609.

## CITIZENS BANK FREE RACE CLINIC

The Citizens Bank free race clinic at Hanson Hills was a big hit this week with the participants. The snow conditions were good and temperatures mild for a day of racing.

"The kids ran a giant slalom course this week, and seemed to enjoy the speed of the GS course," said Cheryl Lucey, one of the ski race organizers. "We had 22 kids participate in the various age groups and still expect more in the weeks to come."

The race clinic is free to children age pre-school through eighth grade. Practice starts at about 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. The kids are required to have a lift ticket and ski equipment, but the race clinic is FREE. This Sunday, during Grayling Winter Fun Days, we will be running our obstacle course. All children and adults are welcome to join in the fun. The children enjoy competing against the teenagers and adults.

Bradley Biggs finished 1st for the preschool and kindergarten boys for the 4th week in a row. Bradley's racing is improving every week.

Shannon Scott led the way for the first and second grade girls with no competition this week.

Laura Brackenbury placed 1st in the third and fourth grade girls. Danielle Harwood finished 2nd this week. This was the 2nd week of racing for both of these girls. Trent Larm finished 1st for the boys this week.

In the fifth and sixth grade girls, Avery Diola placed 1st for the second week in a row, Gabby Calkins was 2nd, Rachael Doremire was 3rd, Jessica Riddle was 4th and Annie Melroy finished 5th. Kody Diola kept his streak alive with a first place finish in the fifth and sixth grade boys division, Joshua Scott was 2nd and newcomer Chris Gildner was 3rd.

Jill Seager in the seventh and eighth grade girls placed 1st for the



4th week in a row. Mandy Scott was 2nd, Jodi Riddle was 3rd, Beth Lucey was 4th and newcomer Jamie Pinkelman finished 5th. Jon Handy put together two great times to finish in 1st place again this week. Greg Kalonich was close behind him for 2nd place. Ben Lucey finished 3rd place and Anthony Neal finished 4th.

Hanson Hills would like to invite you to look at the race results online, courtesy of Ken Wright, at HYPERLINK <http://www.hanson-hills.org>

## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

Sawmill II.....124

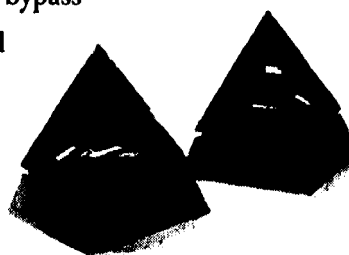
Spikes.....123  
Swamp II.....121

Legion.....114  
Holiday Inn.....114  
Frederic Inn.....111  
Plaza.....86  
Sawmill I.....71  
5 Ball Run: Patsey P. of Sawmill II,  
Donna R. of Swamp, Robin D. of  
Swamp, Nancy B. of Holiday Inn  
and Patty M. of Holiday Inn.  
6 Ball Run: Donna R. of Swamp.

## JUST ASK ALEX

Why is it important to be rated as one of the top heart programs in the country? Twelve-year-old Alex Walker can tell you. He'll tell you about raising llamas and playing board games with his Grandma, Audrey Moses. What she first dismissed as extreme fatigue turned out to be a very serious blockage in her heart. "I can't stress strongly enough - listen to your body," says Audrey who underwent triple bypass heart surgery at Munson Medical Center.

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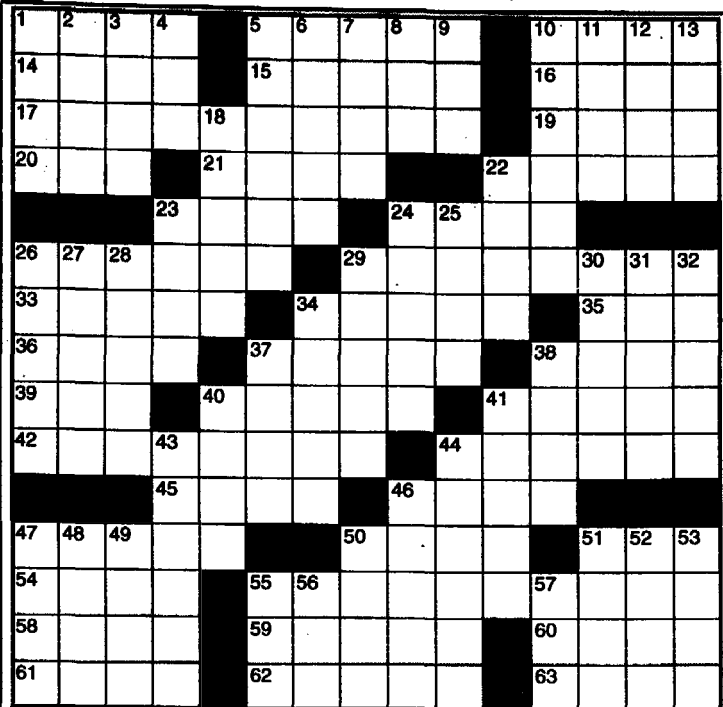


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Sunday Service 11:30 a.m.



# FEATURES

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Cougars, e.g.
2. Moses' desert
10. Calcutta garb
14. Jai
15. Preceding
16. Tribulations
17. Hard-to-please fairy-tale girl
19. "I alone sit lingering here" (Vaughn) (2 words)
20. Common abbr.
21. Division
22. Air conditioner need
23. Colleen
24. Singer Whitman
26. 1972 Oliver mystery
29. "Valley Sunday" (Monkees)
33. Twit
34. Pasadena transport
35. Sound of a comic book punch
36. Baby's irritation
37. "Comes for the Archbishop"
38. FDR's pup
39. "Got a Secret"
40. Moleskin indications
41. Nopal and turk's-head
42. Hucksters
44. Lustrous fabric
45. Filmy
46. Return to health

### DOWN

1. Zoo compartment
2. "Little Things Mean" (2 words)
3. Powder base
4. Vicious or Caesar
5. Dive result
6. Reversal of Fortune actor
7. Actor Adams
8. Fine and dandy, in space
9. Treasury dept. bureau
10. Bands of bees
11. Highest rating
12. Perform again
13. Ancient Sumerian city
18. Seeing red
22. Arbitrary decree
23. Luxuriant

47. Tuft
50. Beginner
51. Stripper's scarf
54. Plucked instrument
55. Nude
58. a Staircase (Duchamp)
59. Sidle
60. Track shapes
61. Muskogee man
62. Inverted V
63. Salon offerings
24. Grooves
25. Rachel's sister
26. Bump and grind
27. Furlough
28. Allied
29. Schedules
30. Rapidly
31. Cape Fear star
32. "... never the shall meet"
34. Staten Island transport
37. Performer
38. Kismet
40. Retrieve a coupon
41. Gigi player
43. Make moist
44. Most able
46. After uni, bi or tri
47. Newsman Huntley
48. Take on cargo
49. Impetus
50. Autocrat
51. Kid's wheels
52. Sleep (postpone a decision) (2 words)
53. Becomes senescent
55. M.D.'s nickname
56. One Gabor sister
57. 1919 author John Passos

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 61 Years Ago

February 9, 1940

The Grayling Winter Sports State Park. A State-owned park in the heart of the Snow Country. The Grayling Winter Sports Park is located 2 miles from Grayling inside the boundaries of the Hanson Military Reserve-Home of the Michigan National Guard. Some amenities include 6 terraced toboggan slides, Michigan's two largest ice rinks, 25 miles of ski and snowshoe trails, and a ski hill.

### 23 Years Ago

February 9, 1978

Ms. Joyce Pickell of Riverview Road is the new Chairman for Crawford County's 1978 March of Dimes Mothers' March.

General Telephone Company Grayling customers who have one-party service will soon notice the absence of an operator when direct dialing a long distance call. Installation of the new equipment in the Grayling switching office will allow us to provide automatic number identification on long distance calls dialed direct from one-party telephone service; it will no longer be necessary to ask for a one-party customers' number. However, during peak periods an operator may ask for your number.

A daughter, Terra Ann, was born

to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Inhulsen of Grayling on February 2, weighing 7 lbs. 12 1/2 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yager of Roscommon are the parents of a daughter, Sarah Ann, born February 4 weighing 7 lbs. 5 ozs.

Kevin Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Austin from Downriver, celebrated his 6th birthday on Monday, February 6, with a birthday party at McDonald's.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hoffman of Lansing and Pretty Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley of AuSable Trail, Grayling, to Jeff Scott of Richardson Rd. Grayling. Jeff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Scott of Grayling. Jeff is employed by the Crawford County Road Commission and Shirley is manager of the Wagon Wheel Laundromat.

### 46 Years Ago

February 10, 1955

It's a boy, born February 3rd at Mercy Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Newberry of Frederic.

It's a girl, Janice Lynn, born February 4th at Mercy Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Collen of Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. George Granger, Jr., arrived in Big Rapids, January 23rd. He was recently discharged from the army and was stationed in Germany for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seidler and Fawn of Bay City spent the weekend here visiting their daughter and family, the Herman Hebls.

The hot lunch program is in full



"Over the Top" by A. Orhn, a ski instructor at the Grayling Winter Sports Park

swing again at the Beaver Creek School. The children seem to really enjoy them, and the time and effort of the mothers is well rewarded. Last week Jenny Annis and Mrs. Ida Atkins were on duty. A sleigh ride is being planned for the children this Wednesday after school. A hot lunch will be served at the school house when the sleigh ride is over.

### 69 Years Ago

February 11, 1932

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest P. Richardson in South Branch Township was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon, thought to have been caused by an overheated stovepipe. When discovered, the fire had gained considerable headway and it was impossible to save much of the contents. The farm home was one of the oldest in the township.

Among those who attended the Winter Sports Carnival in Petoskey Friday and Saturday of last week,

were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hanson, Thomas Cassidy, Miss Marie Brown and the Messrs Gerald Herrick, Edward Mayotte, Kenneth Gothro, Bill Harrison and Reggie Sheehy.

### 92 Years Ago

February 11, 1909

Sheriff Armidon is lonely as he has no boarders and begins to wish our community was not quite so law abiding.

C.J. Hathaway has brought the pleasant home of Mrs. Anna Johnson on Spruce Street and is happily settled in his own home.

Monday was an ideal winter day, bright sunlight and no wind, with the mercury at zero in the morning, 10 degrees above in the middle of the day, and at zero again in the evening. Tuesday was not quite so cold but seemed much worse on account of the high winds and the whirling cold.

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### Double Banana Bread

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 eggs

- 1/4 cup oil
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 1/2 cups any banana nut cereal
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 1/2 cups mashed ripe bananas.

Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt in large bowl. Beat eggs in small bowl; stir in bananas, oil and water. Add to flour mixture; stir just until moistened. (Batter will be lumpy.) Stir in cereal and walnuts. Pour into greased 9x5-inch loaf pan.

Bake 55 to 65 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack. Makes 18 slices.

Note: For easier slicing, wrap bread and store overnight.

## HOROSCOPES

For the week of  
February 12 thru February 18

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):

A positive and creative week lies ahead, allowing you to make strides in your professional and personal life. Don't be surprised if you find yourself seeking new and different avenues of self-expression. Keep yourself focused on the work you need to do to help give this extra energy a place to go. Everything will feel harmonious for you, and things will come to you easily as a result of this aspect.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):

Keep your wits about you this week, as you're apt to feel emotionally challenged at times. You may discover that you feel totally bored with the usual routine. Use control when it comes to dealing with others. You may find that you are uncompromising and quick-tempered. If you have difficulty, consider taking several breaks to avoid creating conflict. Be sure to have a little fun this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21):

You'll find the Moon a particularly helpful influence if you've got tasks that require ingenuity and creativity. This aspect will sharpen your mind and encourage you to find new ways to express yourself. Be careful when making judgments and decisions, as your good sense may be clouded. If you find that you are more sensitive than usual and moodiness sets in, consider doing something that you know will help relieve stress. This makes for the perfect time for relaxation and rejuvenation. Enjoy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22):

An excellent time to do some thinking and brainstorm, you will be mentally alert and creative. If there is something you've been considering as an endeavor, this is the time to get things happening. You will be overly sensitive in making the need for you to take care of yourself great. Try to be patient, as immediate results aren't apt to happen with this influence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

While you may not feel comfortable with change, any opportunity that presents itself is worth taking the time to consider. You'll find your sharp mind helpful in analyzing the options. Seeing what you want, rather than what is really there, and the room for judgment is great. You're apt to feel happy but not overly ambitious. Things tend to come easily.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

This week will see you start off with a sharp mind and an enterprising disposition. If you find that you are overly sensitive, it won't be surprising, as feelings can be very strong. Take extra care when it comes to making decisions, as your judgment won't be at its best. You are not likely going to want to do much more than relax.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):

Your love of seeing the best in others is an admirable quality, but you'll need to look sharp. Try to avoid relationships that you sense are complicated. Your loyalty to friends and to causes you believe in will be prominent. Put all the extra energy you'll feel to good work and get some things accomplished around the home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):

Keep your emotions under control if you want to get things accomplished this week. You may be faced with the opportunity for changes in your life. Try to put fear aside and use your scientific mind to consider the possibilities. Emotions can cloud judgment, and you are more likely to see what you prefer, rather than what is actually there. Your loyalty will be especially strong - just be sure that the object of your devotion is deserving.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Your creativity will soar. Expect to feel mentally alert and intuitive. This makes for an excellent day to engage in your favorite artistic activities. Loyalty to others and causes you are passionate about will be stronger than usual. You need to be watchful for clouded judgment. Along with an increase in popularity, you'll see yourself feeling very positive and cheerful. Use your discipline to direct your talents in an even, steady way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Your intellectual approach will be enterprising and scientific, making it a great time to tend to tasks that require analysis of any kind. Watch your patience levels. You can become socially uncompromising and far more critical than usual. Take a great deal of care when working with others. You can hurt people without even realizing that you've done so.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

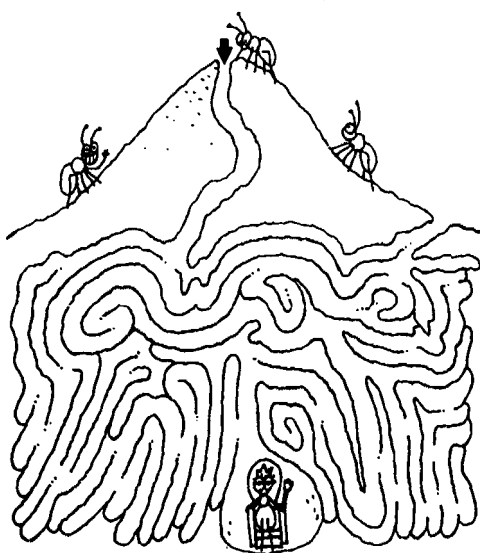
You'll make great progress this week by channeling your creative energies. You are apt to search for new and innovative ways to express your independent spirit. Keep your emotions under control. They can wreak havoc with your judgment, and see you acting more sarcastic than usual. You may find that you want instant results to any efforts you make, and your good working habits are sporadic at best. Try to relax and take things at an even pace this day.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):

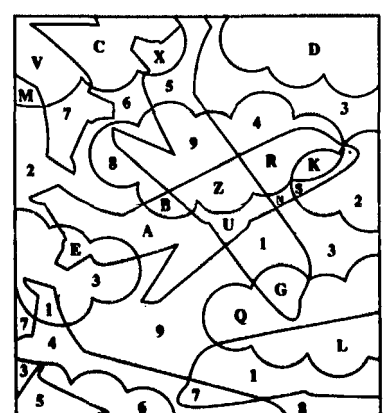
You will continue to feel the independent energy of the Sun. You will find your mind sharp and your intuition strong. This makes it a great day to tend to any tasks that require concentration and focus. You'll appreciate feeling much more cheerful and steady on Friday, when the Moon trines with Venus. You'll be much calmer and your artistic abilities will soar. Make plans to do some of your favorite things.



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## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
1/31	36	29	1 1/2"	11.5"
2/01	32	25	1"	12"
2/02	31	09	3"	14"
2/03	17	09		14"
2/04	21	10		14"
2/05	32	21	2"	15"
2/06	29	26	1"	15"

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather)

Wednesday- Cool with Overcast. High 31, Low 25.  
Thursday- Cool with Overcast. Snow possible. High 33, Low 13.  
Friday- Chilly, with many clouds. High 26, Low 13.  
Saturday- Cool and mainly cloudy. High 32, Low 19.

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# GRAYLING WINTER FUN DAYS

## Schedule Of Events

**Thursday,  
February 8, 2001**

6:00 p.m. • Medallion Hunt Award Celebration at the Sawmill in Uptown Grayling.  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. • Free Cross Country Ski Lessons for Women at the Cross Country Ski Shop's Lit Trails. All abilities welcome. Equipment rental for both classical and skate technique is only \$6.00.

**Friday,  
February 9, 2001**

5:00 p.m. • Business After Hours at Hanson Hills, outside weather permitting.  
5:00 p.m. • Preliminary Downhill Canoe Races.  
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. • Soup Supper Benefit at Frederic Elementary School.  
8:00 p.m. • High School Ski Team Torch Parade.

**Saturday,  
February 10, 2001**

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. • Lumber Jack Breakfast at the Main Lodge Sponsored by Hanson Hills Ski Patrol.  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. • GUDA Poker Run in Uptown Grayling. Start at Jdap at 118 Michigan Avenue.  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. • The Icehouse Quilt Shop will feature new quilts on their Gallery Walls and demonstrations of new and interesting tools and techniques.  
11:00 a.m. • Rollerblade Competition at Hanson Hills Indoor Skate Park. Prizes sponsored by Boards & Beyond.

**Sunday,  
February 11, 2001**

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. • \$5 Lift tickets & \$5 Rental at Hanson Hills good for downhill and cross country skiing.  
12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. • Chili Cook Off by the American

Competition fee \$15.  
12:00 p.m. • Trail Stop by the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, for more information go to [www.gosledgrayling.org](http://www.gosledgrayling.org)  
2:00 p.m. • Skateboard Competition at Hanson Hills Indoor Skate Park. Prizes sponsored by Boards & Beyond. Competition fee \$15.  
2:00 p.m. • Downhill Canoe Race Final Competition.  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. • Teen Dance. Sponsored by the Grayling Youth Booster Club for 6-8th grade students at the Fred Bear Memorial Center.  
8:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m. • Teen Dance. Sponsored by the Grayling Youth Booster Club for 9-12th grade students at the Fred Bear Memorial Center.

Legion Auxiliary at the Main Lodge.  
2:00 p.m. • Snowboard competition sponsored by Paul & Kathy Olson of Municipal Underwriters of Michigan. Slalom and freestyle-meet at the bottom of the Bear.  
1:00 p.m. • Citizen's Bank Obstacle Race. Meet at the top of the Bowl next to the race shack.

For information & weather'up dates contact:  
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## Grayling Winter Fun Days

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## LEGAL ACTION

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John A. Cottenham and Joanna G. Cottenham, Husband and Wife, to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, mortgagee in the original amount of \$27,052.10 (Assumption and Subsequent Loan) dated October 28,

1993 and recorded October 28, 1993 in Liber 367, Page 572, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six and 04/100 Dollars (\$122,486.04) including interest at the rate of 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 21, 2001.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 19.20 and 21, Grayling Manor, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

## Winter Wolf Triathlon to be held February 24-25

► Annual event to feature canoe trip, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing

The Winter Wolf Triathlon, an event usually held during the Grayling winter festival, will be held on February 24 and 25 this year. In addition to the slight change in scheduling from years past, this year's triathlon will feature a new addition: a team event.

The unique winter triathlon will begin on Saturday, February 24, with a canoe trip from Ray's Canoe Livery in Grayling to the Rayburn Property on the AuSable River in a single-person craft, about a 45-minute paddle.

The second leg of the event is a snowshoe run through the beautiful

woods at Rayburn's. Competitors will have a choice of either a one-mile run, for relaxed competitors, or a three-mile run for the challenge competitors.

After the snowshoe run, the clock will stop and resume at 11 a.m. at Hanson Hills Recreation Area. The last event of the day is a cross country ski race with challenge competition being free style on the Yellow Trail (approximately 5 miles).

Relaxed competitors will compete on the Green Trail (approximately 3 miles) using classic style cross country skiing.

New to this year's Winter Wolf Triathlon is a team triathlon event on Sunday, February 25, with the events being the same as on Saturday.

Three-person teams can be made up of one person racing kayak or

canoe, one person snowshoeing, and one person skiing making up a combined time.

Competition on both days begins at 9 a.m. at Ray's Canoe Livery in Grayling.

Pre-registration cost will be \$15 for Saturday and \$21 for Sunday. The cost to register on race day will be \$20/Saturday and \$26/Sunday. Race day registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Each triathlon competitor will receive a race souvenir.

Medals for the three top finishers for men and women in three age categories (Junior, Classic, and Masters) will be awarded at the post-race lunch, which will be held at the Fred Bear Memorial Center at Hanson Hills.

For more information, call (517) 348-9266 or visit the Hanson Hills web site at: [www.hansonhills.org](http://www.hansonhills.org)

## Winter festival to be held this weekend

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the ORV parking lot west of Frederic just off the Frederic to Blue Bear Trail Connector;

• 2 p.m. — Skateboard Competition at the Hanson Hills Indoor Skate Park;

• 2 p.m. — Downhill Canoe Race Finals;

• 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. — Teen Dance for 6th-8th graders at the Fred Bear Memorial Center;

• 8:30 p.m.-11 p.m. — Teen Dance for 9th-12th graders at the Fred Bear Memorial Center.

On Sunday afternoon, the Chili Cook-off will be held at the Hanson Hills Main Lodge from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. At 1 p.m., the Citizens Bank Obstacle Race will be held on "The Bowl." A snowboard competition will be held at 2 p.m. at "The Bear" at Hanson Hills.

Also, lift tickets and ski rentals will each be only \$5 at Hanson Hills on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 11, 2001  
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture,  
As Mortgagee  
2501 Rochester Court  
Troy, MI 48063  
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File No. 211.0018

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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**MORTGAGE SALE** Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by DENNIS M.

BAUSMAN and VICKI L. BAUSMAN, his wife, of 1839 Dewitt Trail, Roscommon, MI 48653, Mortgageors, to COMMONPOINT MORTGAGE, Mortgagee, dated the 8th of March, 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 29th day of March, 2000, in Liber 438 of Crawford County Records, page 553, said mortgage having been assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of November 30, 1997, Series 1997-D, said assignment having been recorded in Liber 504, Page 255, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Seventy Two Thousand Three Hundred Three and 43/100 (\$72,303.43), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of March, 2001 at 10 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door entrance of the County Building in Grayling,

Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 13.750% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford and in the Township of South Branch.

Being Lot 69, and part of Lot's 60,61 and 62 of the recorded plat of River Forest, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, of Section 21, part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, and part of the North 1/2 of section 29, all in T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Southwest corner of lot 69 for a point of beginning; Thence North 33 degrees 46' West 167.00 feet; Thence North 24, degrees 09' West 82.2 feet; Thence North 50 degrees

18' East 200.00 feet; Thence North 60 degrees 11' East 100.00 feet; Thence South 17 degrees 15' East 37.6 feet; Thence South 32 degrees 40' East 204.74 feet; Thence South 43 degrees 28' West 60.2 feet; Thence 190.5 feet along the Arc of a 9 degree 28'30" curve to the right, the long chord of which bears South 52 degrees 29'30" West 189.71 feet; Thence South 61 degrees 31' West 50.0 feet to the point of beginning.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 1/25/01  
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JONATHAN L. ENGMAN (P56364)  
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### NOTICE SKYLINE ROAD RESIDENTS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Per P.A. 188 of 1954, there will be a public hearing held on the special assessment roll for Skyline Road Special Assessment District on Monday, February 12, 2001, at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI, 49738, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal.

Sharon K. Hartman  
Clerk

### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Grayling Township Meeting Room at 2090 Viking Way, on Wednesday, February 14 at 7 p.m., to receive public comment on an ordinance regulating the uses of the Grayling Township "Fish Hatchery Nature Park," located on North Down River Road adjacent to the fish hatchery in Grayling Township. The official title of the ordinance is "Grayling Township Recreational Park Rules and Regulations," (Ordinance 2001-01).

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees will immediately follow the public hearing and it is expected the township board will take appropriate action on the ordinance. If adopted, the ordinance will be published in its entirety and will take effect immediately.

Copies of the ordinance text can be reviewed or obtained for review at the Grayling Township Offices: 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Monica S. Ashton  
Grayling Township Clerk

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting which commences at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, February 15, 2001, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following items:

**ONE (1) CAB & CHASSIS REGULAR CAB PICKUP BODY TRUCK  
2 WHEEL DRIVE  
15,000# GVWR MINIMUM**

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the road commission for Crawford County at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "2001 Shop Truck Bid". The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Thomas Perry, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

### PUBLIC NOTICE Crawford County Transportation Authority Proposed State and Federal Section 5311 Application for Operating and Capital Assistance

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 2002, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for federal Section 5311 assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

The CCTA is requesting approximately \$390,000 in state operating assistance for general public transit services; \$97,000 for Federal Section 5311 operating assistance; and \$486,000 for six medium duty replacement buses equipped with wheelchair lifts.

The proposed application is on file at Crawford County Transportation Authority, 4276 W. North Down River Road, Grayling, Michigan, and may be reviewed during a 30-day period (January 23-February 23, 2001), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by February 23, 2001. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time, and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be mailed to the attention of David Frederick, Executive Director, Crawford County Transportation Authority, Grayling, Michigan, 49738.

### NOTICE OF MEETING AT GRAYLING TOWNSHIP

Grayling Township will host a public meeting on Thursday, February 22, at 9 a.m., for the purpose of discussing the progress of industrial and commercial development in the Four Mile Road industrial development area. A number of community leaders, concerned citizens and elected and appointed officials have been invited. All members of the public are invited.

This is an informational meeting only, and no decisions will be made by the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees or any other elected or appointed body. A quorum of members from any elected or appointed body from Grayling Township, Beaver Creek Township, the City of Grayling, or Crawford County will be coincidental.

Consultants under contract to Grayling Township from Capitol Consultants and Wells-Mansfield will be on hand to discuss the current status of the Four Mile Road industrial development project, including, but not limited to, land use, infrastructure, and marketing. Members of the public are invited and will be given time to state their concerns. This is not a formal public hearing. A formal public hearing to hear public comments will be scheduled later in the spring.

The meeting is expected to last one to one and one-half (1 to 1 1/2) hours. It will be held in the meeting room of Grayling Township, located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738. For more information contact Terry Wright, Supervisor at (517) 349-4361.

Terry R. Wright, Supervisor  
Grayling Township

### PUBLIC HEARING

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will be holding a Public Hearing on an update to the Crawford County Recreation Plan (Revised January, 1999). The hearing is set for 11:00 am on Wednesday, February 21, 2001 at the Crawford County Building.

Sandra Moore  
Crawford County Clerk

### BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Amendment to the Beaver Creek Township Section of the Crawford County Recreation Plan 1997 Update

The Beaver Creek Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 12, 2001 at 8:00 p.m., at the Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI 49738, 517-275-8878, during its regularly scheduled township meeting.

Please take Notice that the purpose of the meeting is to provide opportunity for public input for an amendment to the Beaver Creek Township Capital Improvement Schedule in the Crawford County Recreation Plan.

Please take further notice that the Recreation Improvement Schedule may be examined at the office of the township clerk from the date of this Notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

Sharon K. Hartman  
Clerk

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, March 1, 2001, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following item:

**FOR TWO TANDEM AXLE TRUCKS 64,000#GVWR**

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "Tandem Axle Truck Bid". The Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to withhold any and all trade-in options of the Road Commission, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners  
Thomas Perry, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

# LEGAL ACTION

## Record of City Council Proceedings

### Meeting held on the 8th day of January 2001 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Hayes, Palmer, Wyman, Brown.

Members Absent: Banda\*

Also in attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, City Clerk Ken Bradstreet, Caleb Casey, Steve Langseth, Dennis Long.

01-01

Moved by Brown, supported by Wyman that the minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2000 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Public Hearing. None.

Mayor Palmer introduced State Representative Bradstreet who apologized for not being at the December 11th meeting. He wanted Council to know that he will help in whatever capacity he can with the state police proposed move. He has heard no new news. He also wanted Council to feel that they could contact his office at any time if they felt he could help them in any way.

\*Banda was now present.

Discussion was held about the possibility of having the entire complex located in Crawford County as there is so much state land available. This option could be a big boost to the Grayling area.

Communications were received and noted.

a. Revenue/Expenditure Report for November 2000.

b. Letter of understanding between the City of Grayling and Teamsters Local 214 Police Officer's Unit.

c. Letter to Michigan State Police from the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce regarding the proposed move of the forensics lab to Gaylord and a resolution from Grayling Township opposing the move.

d. Resignation of 3 Board Members from the C.I.A. There are still 3 members who have not resigned. We need to contact them and see if they are going to send resignation letters or are willing to continue to sit on the Board. Will bring back to Council at the next meeting their replies so Council can decide what needs to be done.

e. Non-Use Variance Request for 1001 Michigan Avenue. The Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman John Cherven has been contacted and will be setting up a meeting.

f. Grayling Police Report for December 2000.

g. Letter to Grayling Housing Director Guy Quigley regarding complaints from the residents with the snow shoveling of the sidewalks at AuSagra Acres. We are waiting to see if this problem is being solved. Will keep Council informed.

h. Letter from Steve Doyle regarding Income Tax Budget Line Items. There are five amendments to the 2000-2001 Budget that need to be done.

01-02

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to Amend the General Fund revenues from \$1,474,527 to \$1,414,527.

Amend the General Fund expenditures from \$2,075,171 to \$2,057,171.

Amend the Income Tax Fund revenues from \$370,000 to \$430,000.

Amend the Income Tax Fund expenditures from \$417,250 to \$435,750.

Amend the Water and Sewer Fund expenditures from \$627,300 to \$657,300.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

i. Letter from the Chief of Police regarding City Patrol Vehicles. The Council felt that Chief Schreiner should attend the next

meeting to go over the changes he is proposing before Council takes action.

j. 911 Activity Report for December 2000. k. Audit Report response from USDA. Old Business.

a. Steve Langseth gave a presentation to Council about the Grayling Township Industrial Park and the City of Grayling's Wastewater System. He discussed what steps need to be taken by the City if they are going to participate in this new Industrial Park and the enlarging of the current capacity of the city's wastewater treatment plant.

Council will review the information given and discuss it further at the January 29th meeting.

Mr. Lowe explained to Council the possibility of a study being done by NEMCOG of the Industrial Park and where we could go as far as expanding.

Discussion was held regarding the interchange proposed for North Down River Road exit and if Council would rather have an interchange at the south end of the city. Council feels that the south end would bring more people into town.

Carl Lehto will attend the next meeting to go over the odor abatement project and concerns of the treatment plant.

b. Commission Board Appointments. Mrs. Kellogg's term expired 01/01/2001 on the Grayling Housing Commission. Upon contacting her she has declined to accept another term. It was suggested that we post a notice for a resident of AuSagra Acres to apply for this appointment and also to advertise in the Crawford County Avalanche.

01-03

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to appoint Marilyn Palmer on the Grayling Housing Commission Board to replace Robert Ruddy. That term expires 01-01-2004. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

c. Sale of D.P.W. property. The Council is not interested in selling city property behind the D.P.W. garage at this time.

d. Fire Station Update. Mr. Lowe has been in contact with the military to lease property at the airport for a new City/Township Fire Department.

01-05

Moved by Hayes, supported by Brown to request a letter from the City Clerk to the Military Board requesting that they lease property at the airport to the city for a fire department. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

e. Mary & Michele's Grant Research Project. The City Manager recommended to leave them at 8 hours as there are many jobs in the coming months that they will be able to help with. There are grants available when we get specific details of what to look for. Council agreed to this and would like another report at budgeting time.

Mayor Palmer called a 5 minute recess at 9:05 P.M. The meeting was resumed at 9:10 P.M.

New Business

a. Proposed Budget Schedule for FY2001-2002.

1. April 16th Budgets from Officers and Department Heads

2. April 23rd Budget to Council

3. April 27th Notice in Paper

4. April 30th Budget Work Session

5. May 14th Public Hearing

6. May 29th Adopt Budget

Council had no objection to the above schedule.

b. Planning Session. Mr. Lowe spoke to Council regarding several items that the Council needs to address in the coming months (see attached). Mr. Banda suggested a city park on city property on the river behind the Elementary School would really make an attractive addition to the city. Discussion was held on setting up a parks committee to pursue this.

Investigate sale of old City Hall property. Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Mr. Long discussed with Council the location for the fire station and leasing of

property.

Reports of City Manager.

a. Met with Klaus Heinerl in Traverse City. Will be getting a final bill from them for work they had done before putting the City Hall on hold.

b. Antenna on the Water Tower. Will have more to report at the next meeting.

c. The D.P.W. is widening the streets now that the snow has stopped for a few days. This makes it easier for cars on the streets.

d. Sold the 1992 Caprice for \$407.49. We ended up with two bids.

e. The D.P.W. has advertised a pick-up for sale in this week's Avalanche.

f. NEMCOG has a meeting on the 11th of January in Fairview if any Council members are interested in attending.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Hayes spoke to Council about the retirement of Paul Lerg and Kent Reynolds on June 30th.

b. Mr. Wyman asked about the Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinances being held on January 22, 2001. There are copies available at City Hall.

c. Mr. Wyman asked about Scheer Motors and if that is taken care of. The parties have reached an agreement and a settlement should be signed soon.

d. Mr. Wyman asked if the car towing incident was resolved. The Chief of Police felt that towing the vehicle was reasonable.

e. Mr. Wyman asked about prices in Industrial Park for city to buy. This needs to be addressed in a closed session.

f. Ms. Brown mentioned the Public Hearing for the new zoning ordinance in two weeks.

g. Ms. Brown wondered why the river was not on the new zoning map. That will be corrected.

h. Ms. Palmer gave an update on the Camp Lehmen crew. The prisoners who clear the city sidewalks are not violent offenders as reported at the last meeting.

Adjournment

01-06

Moved by Banda, supported by Brown that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 P.M.

Kay Ellen King  
City Clerk

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

**MORTGAGE SALE** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John L. Gay and Catherine E. Gay his wife (original mortgagors) to First Finance Mortgage, dated October 10, 1996, and recorded on October 17, 1998 in Liber 419, page 489, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, Trustee for Securitization Series 1996-4, Agreement dated 12-12-96, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399. Assignee by an assignment dated November 27, 2000, which was recorded on December 15, 2000 in Liber 525, page 157, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-NINE AND 54/100 dollars (\$63,699.54), including interest at 14.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said

mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 28, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 2 Block 26, Roffee's Addition, except 1 foot along the East side of Lot 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plts, Page 64, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 18, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE

CALL:

248-593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File #200022544

-18-25-1-8-15

## STATE OF MICHIGAN CRAWFORD COUNTY JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/ POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

Case No. 00 5361 CH

Crawford County Courthouse

200 West Michigan Avenue

Grayling, MI 49738

517/348-2841

Plaintiff Name(s) and address(es)

SWAN FAMILY, LTD

Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address and telephone no.

David R. Sabin P19822

115 Michigan Avenue

Grayling, MI 49738

517/348-5588

v

Defendant name(s) and address(es)

JAMES SALVATI AND CONSTANCE

SALVATI

DOUGLAS M. DUNCAN AND PAULA L.

DUNCAN

OTTACO ACCEPTANCE, INC., a

Michigan corporation

TO: JAMES SALVATI, CONSTANCE

SALVATI, DOUGLAS M. DUNCAN,

PAULA L. DUNCAN

OTTACO ACCEPTANCE INC.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title to property described as the W/2 of NE/4 of SW/4 of NW/4, Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 3-15-01. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

1-22-01

HONORABLE DENNIS F. MURPHY

JUDGE

1-8-15

## MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Maple Forest Township Board is accepting resumes for appointment to the position of Township Treasurer to fill the vacancy for the term ending November 20, 2002. Resumes must be postmarked by Friday, February 9, 2001 and mailed to the Township Clerk, Susan Keene, 8802 N. Petersen Rd., Frederic, MI 49733 or dropped off at the township office by 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 12, 2001. For additional information call 348-5794 or 348-9801.

Susan Keene, Clerk

## NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

USDA-Forest Service  
Huron-Manistee National Forests  
Mio Ranger District  
Oscoda County, Michigan  
Hull's Kitchen Project

The Mio Ranger District is proposing to implement the Hull's Kitchen Project. The Responsible official is leaning toward the Proposed Action. This includes the following actions: regenerating approximately 66 acres of jack pine by clearcutting, construction of approximately 1/4 mile of temporary road to access the area, and closing approximately 2 miles of existing roads. This would be accomplished through one timber sale. This alternative is preferred because it would provide habitat for Lincoln's sparrow, deer, rabbits, turkeys, and other species of wildlife requiring younger age classes of trees. It would also benefit Hill's thistle by increasing the amount of sunlight reaching the plants. Plants exposed to direct sunlight are more vigorous and flower and vegetatively reproduce. Road closures would reduce effects on disturbance prone wildlife. Since jack pine is a very shade intolerant species and requires full sunlight to successfully regenerate, clearcutting was chosen as the optimum method of regeneration. This would also allow site preparation to be accomplished more efficiently. Early successional species, such as raspberries, blackberries, grasses, and strawberries, and community types (e.g. temporary openings) can be maintained within the management area as well as jack pine regeneration. Costs would also be lower and revenues higher than in partial cutting since there would only be one entry.

The 30-day comment period provides the final opportunity for public review of these proposed actions and the environmental analysis. Comments must be received or post marked within 30 days of the date that this notice is published in the Oscoda County Herald; however, when the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the comment period is extended to the close of business of the next Federal working day. Please include (1) name, address, telephone number, the name of the organization or persons represented and title, (2) title of the document on which the comment is being submitted, and (3) specific facts and supporting reasons that you believe we should consider in reaching a final decision.

You comments will be considered by District Ranger, Loren B. Ford in reaching a final decision. Comments are to be submitted to Mr. Ford at the Mio Ranger Station, 401 N. Court Street, Mio, MI 49847. For further information or questions, we may be reached by phone at (517) 826-3252.

Comments received in response to this solicitation will become a matter of public record. In order to have standing to appeal this decision under 36 CFR 215, you must have submitted comments or otherwise expressed interest in this proposal prior to the close of the comment period.

Copies of the Decision Notice will be sent to people who submit comments or who request copies during or before the comment period.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Crawford County Recycling Information

The following is a revised schedule regarding the Crawford County Recycling program. The dates and times for your area are as follows:

**Beaver Creek Township: Merrio Road Transfer Station**  
Winter Hours - 8am to 1pm on Saturdays & 1pm until 6pm on Sundays  
April through October - Same times as above plus 4-7pm on Wednesdays

**Frederic Township: Compactor Site**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3pm until 7pm  
Sundays from 10am until 5pm

**Grayling Township: North Down River Road Transfer Site**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm until 8pm  
Saturdays from 9am until 4pm

**Lovells Township: Note Locations**  
The 1st of the month through the 15th of the month - North Site, Old 612  
The 15th of the month through the last day of the month - North Down River Road Site  
Wednesdays & Saturdays from noon until 4pm  
Sunday from 9am until 1pm

**South Branch Township: Pioneer Road Transfer Station**  
Saturday, Sunday, Monday & Wednesday from 8am until noon, and 1pm until 5pm

All residents of Crawford County, including the City of Grayling and Maple Forest Township may use the Grayling Township Transfer Station during normal hours of operation for recycling purposes. This does not include garbage disposal.

#### ITEMS ACCEPTED

**Newspaper** - Place in brown paper bags or tie with a string

- No loose paper or junk mail

**Magazines** - Glossy magazines and catalogs

- No phone books

**Cardboard** - Corrugated cardboard only, flatten if possible

- No grayboard (i.e.: cereal boxes), or wax coated cardboard

**Plastic** - #1 and #2 plastics only (the number can be found inside the triangle on the bottom of the container)

- No oil jugs, containers with the poison logo, or #s other than 1 or 2

**Tin Cans** - Rinse and remove labels, flatten if possible

- No paint cans, aerosol cans or scrap metal

**\*\* NO MEDICAL WASTE (i.e.: SYRINGES)**

For further information contact Pat Merrill at (517) 344-3258 or your municipal office.

## LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD AUABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CRAWFORD, OTSEGO AND KALKASKA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Tuesday, March 20, 2001.

TAKE NOTICE that the following propositions will be submitted at the special bond election:

#### BONDING PROPOSAL I HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND REMODELING

Shall Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Fourteen Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$14,050,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, equipping and re-equipping the existing high school; acquiring, installing and equipping technology in the high school; and developing and improving the site?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The bonds are expected to be outstanding for a maximum of 20 years, exclusive of refunding. Of the total debt millage levied in the school district, it is estimated that 2.86 mills (\$2.86 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) will be attributed to the new bonds for an estimated net increase of 1.23 mills (\$1.23 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) in the first year. The estimated simple average debt millage rate for the life of the bond issue is 2.68 mills (\$2.68 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

#### BONDING PROPOSAL II

#### GYMNASIUM ADDITION AND REMODELING

Shall Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping an addition to, and partially remodeling, re-furnishing and re-equipping the high school gymnasium; and developing and improving the site?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The bonds are expected to be outstanding for a maximum of 20 years, exclusive of refunding. Of the total debt millage levied in the school district, it is estimated that .43 mill (\$0.43 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) will be attributed to the new bonds for a -0- net increase of debt millage in the first year. The estimated simple average debt millage rate for the life of this bond issue is .49 mill (\$0.49 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

**THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2001, IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2001. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2001, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION.**

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan.

Carol E. Ramaswamy  
Secretary, Board of Education



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

**Classifieds must be paid for in advance**  
**Display Advertising Rate** - \$6.00 per column inch  
**Deadline for Display Classifieds** - 12 noon, Monday  
**Classifieds by the word rate** - \$4.20 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:  
[www.townnews.com/avalanche/](http://www.townnews.com/avalanche/)  
**Classified by the word deadline** - 12 noon, Tuesday

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**ATTN Crawford County Vacant Land owners** - Custom Homes built on your property. Starting at \$45,900. Call David Spencer 800-779-1792. (-1-8-15/1)

**Debbie BONDAR**  
 Century 21  
 RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE



Cute, comfortable and affordable best describes this 2 bedroom home with commercial frontage on M-72. Open kitchen, living and dining rooms, full bath with newer tub enclosure, sinks and fixtures. Large and many windows, with french doors to side deck. #4692 \$59,000 Ask for Debbie Bondar!  
 Office 348-5474 • Home 348-1136

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99/1/1)

**HOME FOR SALE** Four bedroom, two bath, attached garage. 4912 Dawn Drive, \$89,000. 616-458-8038. (1/11/01/1/1)

**Connie Winans**  
 Nicely maintained 2 bedroom mobile home located on a .25 acre parcel. Kitchen features a snack bar, and comes with range and refrigerator. 26x30 garage built in 1993 has electric and cement floor, built over roof on home in 1992, large 16x26 front deck, with very close access to State land and the AuSable River. Some furnishings to remain with sale. #4636 \$46,000



Century 21  
 River Country Real Estate • 2375 S. I-75 Bus. Loop (517) 348-5474

### 1. Real Estate

**NO FEE Home Equity Loan.** North Central Area Credit Union. Roscommon, Grayling, Houghton Lake and Standish. (-25-1-8-15-22/1)

**GRAYLING** Three bedroom, two car garage. Newly remodeled - \$75,900. \$300 down, we pay all closing costs up to \$4,500. Must have good credit. Northwood Land Co. 517-732-6152 (-18-25-1-8/1)

**SALE BY OWNER COMMERCIAL BUILDING**  
 on I-75 Bus. Loop, 1750 sq. ft., HVAC, 220 3 phase, 2 restrooms. Presently a restaurant. Call 517-422-4681

### 2. For Rent

**CABIN #6, STUDIO UNIT**  
 Cabin located at 11010 N. Old U.S. 27, south of Waters. \$375 per month, plus \$150 security deposit. Furnished, includes all utilities, no pets.  
**CABIN #3 STUDIO UNIT**  
 with appliances, twin bed \$295 per month, plus \$150 security. Weekdays toll free 877-227-6976 or weekend 231-526-5211

### 1. Real Estate

**GOLF COURSE BUILDING LOTS** for sale. Lifetime golf and ski memberships included. All lots are one to two acres. \$29,000 to \$49,000. Skyline Ski and Country Club. 517-275-5445 (4/20/00/1/1)

### 2. For Rent

**MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS** your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$18,900 for two person household. Rent based on 30% of gross monthly income. Barrier free unit available. Call Sande 517-366-4475 or Mary Ann 888-576-6468 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. (9/16/99/1/2)

**TWO BEDROOM HOUSE** with basement washer/dryer hookup. Close to hospital and schools. \$415 per month plus security deposit, utilities under renters name. Call 517-348-4006 for application between 9 and 5. (-1-8/2)

**NICE, CLEAN** one and two bedroom duplexes. Non-smoking units. 310A Rolla \$330, 8110 Insley \$390, has storage and laundry hook-up. Rental and employment references required. 517-348-2178. (1/11/01/1/2)

### 2. For Rent

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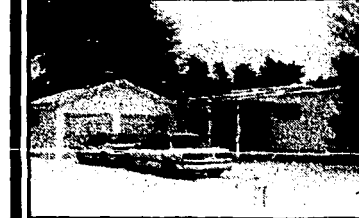
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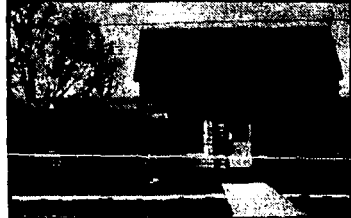
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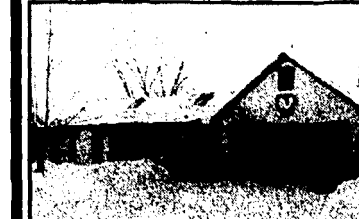
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**Happy Birthday Grandma Lynda (and Mom)**

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### 9. Personals

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You have made me love you more with each passing day. I will never be able to repay you for all you mean to me.

Please, be my Valentine.

Love,  
Cheryl



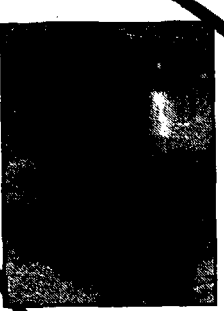
**Happy Valentine's Day to our Sweetheart**

Lots of Love  
Mom, Non,  
Gramps



**Happy Valentine's Day for two sons who will soon be back together.**

Love,  
Mom & Dad



**Greg, Happy Valentine's**

I love you,  
Julie



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**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

**Mom, Dad, Nikki, Mike and Max.... I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU!!! I will see you soon!!**


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**~Jamie~**



**Sending hugs & kisses to Bailey Lynn, our littlest Valentine!**

Love,  
Grandpa & Grandma Millikin

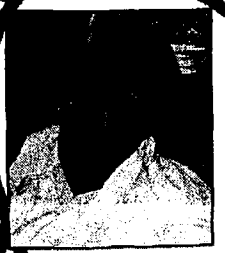


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Grandpa Mead & Ping

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**We Want To Wish You A Happy Valentine's Day!**

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**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY JERRY LOVE, THE PRINCESS**




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Love,  
Me

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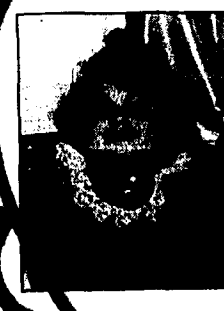


**All Our Love Happy Valentine's Day**

From the men who love you

**Happy Valentine's Day to my Sweetheart Children, Grand-children and friends.**

Love,  
Grandma Phyllis Scheer



**Happy Valentine's Day Samantha! You will always be our SweetPea!**

Love,  
Mom & Dad

**Howard, Our Love... Longer than Forever! Love, Shirley**

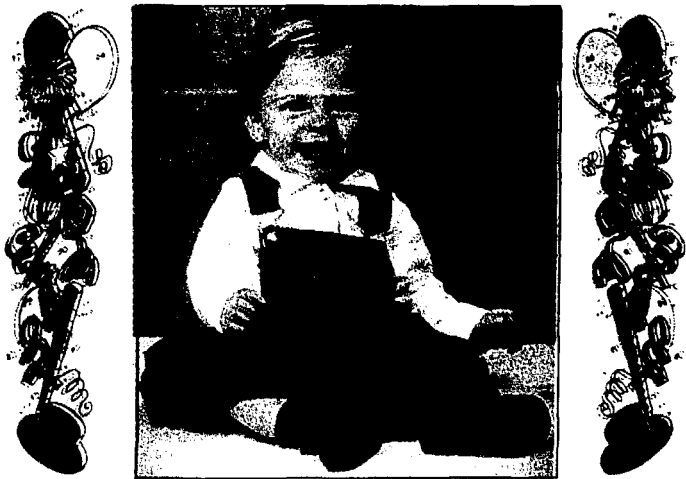
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9. Personal

*Happy Birthday*

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Mommy, Daddy, & Peri

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**Kids with diabetes: give up needles & shots**

**U-M doctors are pumped up about insulin pumps**

There are more reasons than ever for children and teens with diabetes to give up the needles and hassle of insulin shots, and switch to an insulin pump to maintain their blood sugar, a University of Michigan expert says.

New generations of devices, as small as beepers, and new coverage from Medicare and other insurers are making it easier for people with insulin-dependent diabetes - also called type one or juvenile diabetes - to take advantage of the technology. And research has continued to show benefit from the kind of intensive blood sugar control the pump allows.

"It's quite clear from recent research that near-normal blood sugars are of paramount importance to avoid the long-term complications of diabetes, and insulin pump therapy is the most reliable method of consistently maintaining near-normal levels," says Pamela Thomas, M.D., director of the pediatric and adolescent diabetes clinic at the U-M Health System. "Recent studies have shown that the quality of life for those on insulin pump therapy is much improved."

The U-M program, called the

"Pump Team," is one of the largest pediatric programs in the U.S., with 100 patients now using the devices to maintain their blood sugar levels. The pumps give a constant flow of insulin, plus extra patient-controlled amounts at mealtimes, to help the body use sugar correctly.

Kids and teens with type one diabetes must get insulin from other sources to replace what their bodies can't make in the pancreas. Most still use syringes several times a day to inject themselves with insulin, but pumps have grown tremendously in popularity in recent years.

Tens of thousands of the 1.6 million Americans with type one diabetes now use insulin pumps. The number is expected to rise even further with the FDA approval this spring of two new devices, and the expansion of Medicare and other insurance to cover pump costs.

But kids and teens who enroll in the U-M program don't just get a pump and an instruction booklet, Thomas says. The U-M team has designed an intense program to help them adjust to a totally new way of managing their disease.

"Our program focuses on children older than 10, and requires a great deal of training," she explains. "After all, this is a very intensive medical regimen. We have a whole curriculum that patients agree to take part in, including everything from technical training to learn how to press the buttons on the pump, to several stages of training for them and their parents."

The Pump Team focuses on empowering patients and their families to take advantage of the best technology and knowledge currently available. Thomas and her team emphasize problem solving and decision making skills that help patients care for themselves. Central to the program's success is the relationships developed between all members of the Pump Team: patients, families and providers alike.

The program teaches kids about how to deal with everything from exercise and eating out to sick days and emergencies. It stresses personal responsibility, because using a pump doesn't mean freedom from regular blood sugar checks throughout the day, nor from the careful diet-watching that all people with diabetes must do.

"The mainstay of treatment for juvenile diabetes is to provide that missing insulin back, but that's only part of the story," Thomas emphasizes. "You can't maintain blood sugars in the normal range only with insulin, so we also have to think in terms of managing the diet, the amount of glucose or carbohydrates that are taken in, and managing exercise."

Insulin pumps demand a high level of attention and decision-making ability from their users in order to avoid extremes in blood sugar levels, infections at the injection point or other problems. But pumps also give patients a lot more flexibility and normalcy in their lifestyle.

Rather than being tied to a strict schedule of meals and snacks to keep their blood sugar up, and shots to give themselves insulin, patients can live for the moment and still take care of their diabetes. They only need to have an injection every few days while changing the infusion set, rather than injecting themselves several times a day. The pumps can deliver a much more precise insulin dose than syringes, including the small doses needed by children.

Especially important for teenagers, patients can even sleep late in the morning without worrying about a sugar buildup. And for all patients, it allows much more activity without draining their blood sugar dangerously low, a condition called hypoglycemia.

The pump, worn on the belt or inside clothing, resembles a small beeper attached to a delivery tube. "This small flexible plastic catheter sits just under the surface of the skin in what we call the subcutaneous layer," Thomas explains. "It delivers basal insulin, the background amount similar to what the body normally does 24 hours a day, and it can deliver an insulin bolus, or peak dose, to match the amount of food that has been eaten."

"That's the part that the patient has to be intimately involved with," she continues. "Every time the patient eats, he or she has to punch the button to deliver the insulin. We like to say that it's the brain, the thumb and the pump that makes the whole process work. It's the patient who is telling the device what to do."

By taking intensive control of their diabetes in this way, kids can take charge of their own destinies. A major study completed in 1993

**FACTS ABOUT TYPE ONE DIABETES AND INSULIN PUMPS**

- Type one, also known as juvenile or insulin-dependent, diabetes accounts for ten percent of the nation's estimated 16 million diabetes cases.
- Type one diabetes usually occurs in children or adults under 30, arising when the body's immune system attacks the insulin-producing cells, or islets, of the pancreas.
- People with type one diabetes must take insulin for the rest of their lives to help their bodies break down sugar from food. Without it, they will die - but taking insulin will never cure their disease. They must also watch their diet, exercise regularly, and may need to take other medications.
- People with the other form of diabetes, called type two or adult-onset, do not necessarily need to take insulin.
- Type one diabetes patients must check their blood sugar levels throughout the day and adjust their dose of insulin accordingly. To keep levels under strict control and prevent or delay future complications, they can get insulin from injections several times a day or from insulin pumps that deliver constant doses and added doses around mealtime.
- Insulin pumps have been in use since the 1980s, but recent advances have made them smaller and easier to use. Enough evidence of their usefulness is available that insurers have begun to pay for them.
- More than 190,000 people die each year from complications of diabetes, including type one diabetes.

and a follow-up released early this year showed that type one diabetes patients who control their blood sugar levels intensively and keep them close to normal had a lower risk of eye disease, nerve disease and kidney disease - all serious complications associated with diabetes.

For those who are starting at a young age to grapple with a disease that will be with them for life, pumps offer a new level of control over their futures.

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